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Your Honors,

Please see my comments to these proposed rule changes:

CrR/CrRLJ 8.3

This rule change benefits defendants and causes further suffering of victims and the public safety of entire communities. The defendant does not lose his right to a fair trial. There is no demonstration of why this rule change is necessary.

CrR/CrRLJ 4.1

CrRLJ 3.2.1

The proposed change does not allow for timely notice to victims. In my experience, the postal service is not as reliable as it once was, but oftentimes, that is the only way to connect victims with court information. Having once worked as a court clerk on in custody calendars, this would make court schedules difficult to manage and heavily congested. Some defendants do not return as ordered for filing decisions, which could result in warrants being issued because there was not enough time to send a written notice.

CrR/CrRLJ 3.2

Many victims and witnesses, having survived a traumatic ordeal, often fear the next step in having to testify in court. Some defendants will use various means to dissuade a witness from appearing in court. Court must be able to address all behavior, not just actions that involve threats or overt acts that attempt to intimidate.

Thank you for your time,

Respectfully,



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