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MEMO TO DEFENSE COUNSEL: DISCOVERY EXCHANGE

Pursuant to Florida Rule of Criminal Procedure 3.220, the State Attorney's Office – 20th Judicial Circuit (SAO), initiates the disclosure of all case related material information within the State's possession or control to the Attorney of record.

Case related materials, including digital media evidence that has been obtained from law enforcement as part of discovery, is shared primarily through the Discovery Exchange Portal (DEP) for the Private Bar, the IJIS Case Management System for the Public Defender's Office, and Evidence.com (AXON). It may be necessary for the SAO to request digital storage devices to share content that is too large to exchange electronically.

The SAO no longer directs or requires the Attorney of Record to retrieve any digital media evidence directly from law enforcement.

To prevent duplicative efforts and processing delays for case related materials, the SAO encourages all requests for case related digital media be sent to the SAO, rather than individual law enforcement agencies.

Law enforcement is encouraged to forward all Attorney of Record discovery requests for pending cases to the SAO.

Pursuant to the Rules of Criminal Procedure, physical evidence in the possession of law enforcement will be available for inspection through the appropriate law enforcement agency or agencies identified on the Discovery Disclosure.

Please be advised: the appropriate email for electronic exchange and electronic service of court filings to the SAO for all counties within the 20th Judicial Circuit is eService@sao20.org. This is the email address that should be used in the State eFiling Portal.