

## Does the practice of supplying copies of videotaped police interviews to defendants concern you?



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Clear to me is that section 74D was written to limit the accused from having possession of an image of a police officer. The claim "disclosure" is used by the defence (and prosecution) much too broadly. If defence wants a copy of a videotape, it should have to justify its need before the judiciary and explain why a transcript, audiotape or a viewing of the videotape won't suffice.



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It can be extremely concerning as organized criminal groups develop intelligence holdings just as SAPOL does. The provision of videotapes which display images of officers, along with their personal details, allows for criminal groups to enhance their own intelligence. This can seriously impact on an officer's future roles if he or she is involved in covert operations.



**Detective Sgt Michael Polacek**  
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I am not happy about an accused having these videotapes, but section 104 SPA obligates us to supply a copy of a videotaped interview when a statement is filed in court relating to that interview with the defendant. Section 74F SOA prohibits but appears not to make it an offence for defendants to play or use the images or recordings for their own purposes.



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We should not have to provide videotapes as is indicated by the prevailing legislation. We comply by providing decs/transcripts and answering questions as they arise, so what is the benefit to defence in sighting a videotape of the whole process? Members conducting their lawful business could find themselves on YouTube or facebook. The original legislators rightly put in place protections for officers and process for defence.



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I have real concerns about this practice. These videotapes, or edited versions of them, could appear on the Internet before a trial. In that case, the safety of members, victims, witnesses and even offenders (who co-operate with police) could be at risk. Provisions were previously encapsulated in legislation to protect people in the interview process. If that is now not the case, those provisions should be restored.



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Under section 74D of the Summary Offences Act, a defendant may view a video recording upon request and obtain an audiotape recording. No obligation exists to provide a videotaped copy to a defendant or his or her legal representative. It is concerning that images from video recordings provided to defendants could end up in the wrong hands or even on the Internet.