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CHAPTER

AN ACT

Relating to disclosure in criminal prosecutions; amending ORS 135.405, 135.815 and 419C.270.

Be It Enacted by the People of the State of Oregon:

SECTION 1. ORS 135.815 is amended to read:

135.815. (1) Except as otherwise provided in ORS 135.855 and 135.873, the district attorney shall disclose to a represented defendant the following material and information within the possession or control of the district attorney:

(a) The names and addresses of persons whom the district attorney intends to call as witnesses at any stage of the trial, together with their relevant written or recorded statements or memoranda of any oral statements of such persons.

(b) Any written or recorded statements or memoranda of any oral statements made by the defendant, or made by a codefendant if the trial is to be a joint one.

(c) Any reports or statements of experts, made in connection with the particular case, including results of physical or mental examinations and of scientific tests, experiments or comparisons which the district attorney intends to offer in evidence at the trial.

(d) Any books, papers, documents, photographs or tangible objects:

(A) Which the district attorney intends to offer in evidence at the trial; or

(B) Which were obtained from or belong to the defendant.

(e) If actually known to the district attorney, any record of prior criminal convictions of persons whom the district attorney intends to call as witnesses at the trial; and the district attorney shall make a good faith effort to determine if such convictions have occurred.

(f) All prior convictions of the defendant known to the state that would affect the determination of the defendant's criminal history for sentencing under rules of the Oregon Criminal Justice Commission.

(g) Any material or information that tends to:

(A) Exculpate the defendant;

(B) Negate or mitigate the defendant's guilt or punishment; or

(C) Impeach a person the district attorney intends to call as a witness at the trial.

(2)(a) The disclosure required by subsection (1)(g) of this section shall occur without delay after arraignment and prior to the entry of any guilty plea pursuant to an agreement with the state. If the existence of the material or information is not known at that time, the disclosure shall be made upon discovery without regard to whether the represented defendant has entered or agreed to enter a guilty plea.

(b) Nothing in subsection (1)(g) of this section:

(A) Expands any obligation under a statutory provision or the Oregon or United States Constitution to disclose, or right to disclosure of, personnel or internal affairs files of law enforcement officers.

(B) Imposes any obligation on the district attorney to provide material or information beyond the obligation imposed by the Oregon and United States Constitutions.

[(2)] **(3)** Except as otherwise provided in ORS 135.855 and 135.873, in prosecutions for violation of ORS 813.010 in which an instrument was used to test a person's breath, blood or urine to determine the alcoholic content of the person's blood the district attorney shall disclose to a represented defendant at least the following material and information within the possession or control of the district attorney:

(a) Any report prepared by a police officer relating to field tests, interviews, observations and other information relating to the charged offense;

(b) Any report relating to the test results;

(c) A copy of the form provided to the defendant under ORS 813.100 (3)(b); and

(d) Any checklist prepared by the operator of the instrument for the test.

[(3)(a)] **(4)(a)** If a defendant is not represented by a lawyer, the district attorney shall disclose to the defendant all of the information described in subsections (1) and [(2)] **(3)** of this section except for the personal identifiers of the victim and any witnesses.

(b) Notwithstanding paragraph (a) of this subsection, the district attorney shall disclose the personal identifiers of the victim and any witnesses if the trial court orders the disclosure. A trial court shall order the district attorney to disclose the personal identifiers of the victim and any witnesses if the trial court finds that:

(A) The defendant has requested the information; and

(B)(i) The victim or witness is a business or institution and disclosure of the information would not represent a risk of harm to the victim or witness; or

(ii) The need for the information cannot reasonably be met by other means.

[(4)(a)] **(5)(a)** Unless authorized by the trial court to disclose the information, a lawyer representing a defendant, or a representative of the lawyer, may not disclose to the defendant personal identifiers of a victim or witness obtained under subsections (1) and [(2)] **(3)** of this section.

(b) The trial court shall order the lawyer, or representative of the lawyer, to disclose to the defendant the personal identifiers of a victim or witness if the court finds that:

(A) The defendant's lawyer has requested the district attorney to disclose the information to the defendant;

(B) The district attorney has refused to disclose the information to the defendant; and

(C) The need for the information cannot reasonably be met by other means.

[(5)] **(6)** As used in this section:

(a) "Personal identifiers" means a person's address, telephone number, Social Security number and date of birth and the identifying number of a person's depository account at a financial institution, as defined in ORS 706.008, or credit card account.

(b) "Representative of the lawyer" has the meaning given that term in ORS 40.225.

(c) "Represented defendant" means a defendant who is represented by a lawyer in a criminal action.

SECTION 2. ORS 135.405 is amended to read:

135.405. (1) In cases in which it appears that the interest of the public in the effective administration of criminal justice would thereby be served, and in accordance with the criteria set forth in ORS 135.415, the district attorney may engage in plea discussions for the purpose of reaching a plea agreement.

(2) The district attorney shall engage in plea discussions or reach a plea agreement with the defendant only through defense counsel, except when, as a matter of record, the defendant has effectively waived the right of the defendant to counsel or, if the defendant is not eligible for appointed counsel, has not retained counsel.

(3) The district attorney in reaching a plea agreement may agree to, but is not limited to, one or more of the following, as required by the circumstances of the individual case:

(a) To make or not to oppose favorable recommendations as to the sentence which should be imposed if the defendant enters a plea of guilty or no contest to the offense charged;

(b) To seek or not to oppose dismissal of the offense charged if the defendant enters a plea of guilty or no contest to another offense reasonably related to the defendant's conduct; or

(c) To seek or not to oppose dismissal of other charges or to refrain from bringing potential charges if the defendant enters a plea of guilty or no contest to the offense charged.

(4) Similarly situated defendants should be afforded equal plea agreement opportunities.

(5) The district attorney may not condition a plea offer on a requirement that the defendant waive the disclosure obligation of ORS 135.815 (1)(g).

[(5)(a)] **(6)(a)** A district attorney may provide a plea offer and agreed disposition recommendation to the defendant at the time of arraignment or first appearance of the defendant for a crime in open court under an early disposition program established under ORS 135.941.

(b) Unless extended by the court, a plea offer and agreed disposition recommendation made under paragraph (a) of this subsection expire upon completion of the arraignment. Except for good cause, a court may not extend a plea offer and agreed disposition recommendation under this paragraph for more than seven days for a misdemeanor or 21 days for a felony.

SECTION 3. ORS 419C.270 is amended to read:

419C.270. In all proceedings brought under ORS 419C.005, the following rules of criminal procedure apply:

- (1) ORS 133.673, 133.693 and 133.703;
- (2) ORS 135.455, 135.465 and 135.470;
- (3) ORS 135.610, 135.630 (3) to (6), 135.640 and 135.670;
- (4) ORS 135.711, 135.713, 135.715, 135.717, 135.720, 135.725, 135.727, 135.730, 135.733, 135.735, 135.737, 135.740 and 135.743;
- (5) ORS 135.805 and 135.815 (1)(a) to (e) and [(2)] **(g) and (3)**;
- (6) ORS 135.825, 135.835, 135.845 and 135.855 to 135.873; and
- (7) ORS 136.432.

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