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H 33. VISUAL RECORD/HOMICIDE INTERROGATION. Filed 2/2/09. TO PROVIDE THAT THE ELECTRONIC RECORDING OF A CUSTODIAL INVESTIGATION OF A HOMICIDE MUST BE A VISUAL RECORDING THAT SIMULTANEOUSLY MAKES AN AUDIO RECORDING OF THE INTERROGATION BEING RECORDED.

Under current law, Article 8 of GS Chapter 15A requires the creation of an electronic recording of an entire custodial interrogation in homicide investigations. Amends GS 15A-211(c) to redefine *electronic recording* to mean a visual recording that simultaneously makes an audio recording of the recorded interrogation (was, an audio recording or a visual recording). Requires that the video camera inserts date and time stamps during the interrogation and that the date and time stamps must be displayed during playback of the video. Makes conforming changes. Effective December 1, 2009, and applies to interrogations taking place on or after that date. Intro. by K. Alexander.