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Supreme Court Releases Report on Recordation of Custodial Interrogations

The New Jersey Supreme Court has approved for publication the [report of the Special Committee on Recordation of Custodial Interrogations](#). The report, which was submitted to the Court on Apr. 15, can be found at njcourtsonline.com.

In *State v. Cook*, which was decided in 2004, defendant argued that due process required the electronic recordation of custodial interrogations as a condition of their admissibility. Although the Supreme Court declined to find such a due process requirement, it concluded that the use of electronic recordation of custodial interrogations should be evaluated by a special committee. On Aug. 10, 2004, the Court appointed the Special Committee on Recordation of Custodial Interrogations to undertake that task.

Comments on the Special Committee's report and recommendations are being sought by the Court for its consideration prior to taking any action. The deadline for the submission of comments is July 1, 2005. Please submit them to the clerk of the Supreme Court at:

Clerk of the Supreme Court
Hughes Justice Complex
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Comments also may be submitted via e-mail to the following address: SupremeCT.Mailbox@judiciary.state.nj.us.

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