

The San Francisco District Attorney's Office is committed to fair and ethical prosecution, and we work hard to ensure that we are in compliance with all of our discovery obligations.

The Public Defender is weaponizing the State Bar process and trying to litigate in the court of public opinion what they cannot win in the courtroom. The decision to feed this statement to the press shows these tactics for what they are: an attempt to score cheap political points during budget season rather than address any concerns in good faith. The Public Defender's use of inflammatory, unsupported complaints to the State Bar is not a new development. They only suspended this practice when their colleague, Chesa Boudin became the District Attorney. Now, frustrated that DA Jenkins is focused on charging crimes when they are committed and ethically holding defendants accountable, the Public Defender seems to be reaching for the same old playbook.

Without any supporting documentation, the Public Defender references issues with the timing of some discovery in 50 misdemeanor cases. Put in context, they are complaining about the timing of a tiny fraction of a percent of the materials we receive from police and others, process and produce. In 2024 alone we produced to defense attorneys 1.4 million pages of discovery transmitted in 30,953 separate packets, 242,265 body worn camera videos, and approximately four terabytes of other media -- not including the media produced in homicide cases. A single homicide case can produce terabytes of media.

If the Public Defender really thinks there is a problem they will support our budget request for more staff to process and produce materials.