

For Defense Attorneys Receiving Discovery Via Free Download Links: Montgomery County, Texas



Transition to AXON's Evidence.com (EDC) A Digital Evidence Management System

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Beginning in 2022, all Montgomery County law enforcement agencies and Montgomery County District Attorney's Office began transitioning from physical media (CD's, DVD's, USB's) to electronic discovery via Axon's Evidence.com, herein after "EDC". This letter is intended to help you with this transition. We are also available to answer any questions you may have by email or telephone.

Please note:

This transition will be gradual, as we will be adding law enforcement agencies in phases throughout 2022. **All cases filed after January 1st 2023 will be handled via EDC.**

Options for Receiving Discovery:

Most cases will have some documents made available via the Tyler Odyssey portal as well as via EDC.

(For information on Tyler Odyssey, click here.)

- Option #1 - Receive a download link via email. (FREE)
 - The link will download all available discovery for your client's case to your computer. This option does not require the purchase of an EDC account nor does it require you to register. This method will be your only option without a paid account, and works best with a fast and reliable wired internet connection.
 - The link will remain active for 30 days.
- Option #2 - Purchase an EDC account. (PAID)
 - This account will allow you to instantly view available discovery for all EDC cases shared with you. You will be able to download the discovery to your computer if desired, but downloading is not required with an EDC account. This account also includes Transcription and Redaction capabilities.
 - To learn about the benefits of an EDC account, visit the website at www.evidence.com.
 - Additional information can be found in the [EDC Portal User version of this manual](#).
 - **For information on how to purchase an EDC account, [click here](#).**

Pre-EDC Cases:

Some cases filed before 2023, depending on agency and date, will not be handled via EDC. To obtain discovery for these cases, you will follow the procedures used prior to EDC. Simply send your request form to dadiscovery@mctx.org once you have submitted your letter of representation, and have **received Odyssey Portal notice** that discovery is available to you. You can then pick up your disks from the DA Intake window after two business days.

Restricted 'DA ONLY' Materials:

Concerning items like Forensic interviews and CSAM, nothing will change. Contact the ADA to schedule a viewing at our office.

Accessing your EDC Evidence:

- You will download all discovery from the links sent to you, and retain them on your own devices.
- A fast and reliable Internet connection is of paramount importance.
 - Wired connections are highly recommended.
- If you don't plan to purchase an EDC account, then plenty of storage will also be very important for you to have.

Storage and Retention of Evidence

You are responsible for maintaining the discovery once downloaded from the link sent to you. The links sent to you to download discovery to your PC will expire 30 days after being sent. Please ensure you obtain the discovery before the link expires.

Other Matters:

We recommend you prepare for this transition by ensuring you have the appropriate electronic devices to access and view discovery. We understand that there will be challenges as we work through this transition, and we stand ready to help you navigate this change. We ask you to bear with us through this process.

Thank you.

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