

Case study

City of Aurora - Office of the Public Defender

With an ever-increasing quantity of body-worn camera footage and police interview video being introduced into evidence in criminal cases, the need to review transcripts and search for specific phrases has become vital for the work of attorneys across the country. Elizabeth Cadiz, the Deputy Chief Public Defender in Aurora, Colorado, recently shared her experience using Reduct.

In one case, police body-cam footage included faint audio of two officers talking, which she hadn't initially heard. But Reduct's AI transcription picked it up, and she built a case around it to achieve a not-guilty verdict.

In another case, Elizabeth's primary argument was centered around racial discrimination against her African American client. Using Reduct's search features, she was able to find a particular phrase used by a witness which was racially inflammatory. This ended up becoming a key piece of evidence in the case centered around race, and her client was found not guilty.

In addition to locating critical evidence, Elizabeth uses Reduct to extract portions of the video as exhibits, without a significant time investment or the need for specialized staff. These video exhibits include synchronized captions, which makes them successful in court, as it is very difficult for a witness or opposition counsel to push back against such evidence.

Reduct has become an essential tool for public defenders in Aurora, helping them better advocate for their clients and win cases.



"I wouldn't have won this trial if I hadn't been able to use Reduct."

— ELIZABETH D. CADIZ
CHIEF DEPUTY PUBLIC DEFENDER, AURORA CO

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