



## **POSITION VIDEO RECORDINGS AND DIGITAL CONVERSATIONS AS EVIDENCE IN DOMESTIC VIOLENCE CASES**

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### **Abstract**

Development technology information has bring change to system proof in case criminal , including case Domestic Violence (DV). Video recordings and digital conversations through application message electronic the more Lots used For documenting incident violence in general happens in space private and difficult proven through witness direct . Research This aim analyze position and power proof video recordings as well digital conversations in domestic violence cases reviewed from aspect authentication , integrity , validity acquisition , and its relevance with action the crime charged . Research use method law normative with approach legislation , conceptual , and cases . Legal materials analyzed in a way qualitative-prescriptive based on provision law proof , arrangement information electronics , as well as development doctrine and practice justice . Research results show that video recordings and digital conversations can used as tool evidence that has strength proof if fulfil condition authentication , integrity , validity acquisition , and relevance . Authentication required For ensure source and authenticity evidence , whereas integrity ensure proof No experience change or manipulation . Legitimacy acquisition related with procedure acquire and secure evidence , while relevance show connection proof with element action domestic violence crime . Power proof digital evidence is cumulative and increasing strong if supported tool proof others . Therefore that , is necessary strengthening digital forensics and standardizing the chain of custody in order to ensure reliability digital evidence in the judicial process criminal .

**Keywords : domestic violence, video recording , digital conversation , tools proof electronics , digital forensics .**

### **Introduction**

Development technology information and communication has bring significant changes to pattern interaction social society , including in life family . Previous communication done in a way direct now the more Lots ongoing through device electronics and various digital platforms, such as application message instant , social media , mail electronics , as well as service communication video- based . Changes the No only influence method somebody communicate , but also produce various form digital footprint that can record events , conversations , expressions , threats , and action certain things that happen in life everyday . In the context of law , development the give birth to problem new about position and power proof information electronic when used For prove something action criminal , including action criminal Domestic Violence (DV) .

Domestic violence in essence is action violence that has characteristics special Because happen in scope connection family that is private . Law Number 23 of 2004 concerning Deletion Violence in the Household confirm that violence in House ladder is form violation right basic humans and crime to dignity humanity that must be abolished . Law the give protection towards the victims and arrange various form violence , including violence physical , psychological , sexual , and neglect House ladder .<sup>1</sup> Character private from domestic violence often causes action violence

<sup>1</sup> Republic of Indonesia, Law Number 23 of 2004 concerning Deletion Violence in the Household . The law placing domestic violence as form violation to right basic and regulating protection as well as victim recovery .

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ongoing without presence party the third one that can in a way direct witness events . Conditions that in the end cause problem proof Because incident violence that occurs inside House ladder often only known by the perpetrator and the victim. Problem the become the more complex when the victim is not own witness directly that can give information about incident the violence he experienced . In a state of Thus , the existence of video recording , recording voice , WhatsApp messages , messages short , letter electronics , catch screen conversation , as well as form other digital communications can become source important information For reveal incident criminal . Digital footprints can show existence threats , insults , intimidation , confessions , communication between perpetrator and victim, or series incident before and after occurrence violence . With However , digital technology does not only become means communication , but also can functioning as a documentation medium that has relevance in the process of proof domestic violence cases . In a way normative , position information electronic as tool proof get runway law through Constitution Information and Transactions Electronics . Article 5 paragraph (1) of the Law Number 11 of 2008 as has changed several times , last with Constitution Number 1 of 2024, confirms that Information Electronics and/ or Document Electronics and/ or results print it is tool proof valid law . Regulation the give expansion to system previous proof more tool - oriented proof conventional . Law Number 1 of 2024 This is change second against the ITE Law and applies since January 2, 2024<sup>2</sup>

Confession to information electronic as tool proof No means that every video recording or digital conversations in automatic have strength perfect proof . The problem main precisely lies in how prove that information electronic the truly authentic , intact , not experience changes , obtained through legitimate means , and have relevant relationships with action the crime charged . Research about tool proof electronic in system justice criminal show that validity digital evidence is very related with aspect authentication , data integrity , and procedure security and maintenance digital evidence or chain of custody.<sup>3</sup>

In cases of domestic violence, the problem the has a very deep meaning important . Video recordings , for example , can show action beating , kicking , abuse , threats , or action violence others . However , the judge still need evaluate source recording , the device used For record , time recording , possibly there is an editing process , as well as connection between recording the with the alleged incident . Likewise with digital conversation . A catch WhatsApp screen does not work can only assessed based on the appearance , but need considered source original conversation , identity users , continuity conversation , metadata if available , as well as possibility change or manipulation to content conversation .

Study about digital conversations show that development technology communication has cause message instant and social media the more often used as tool proof in the judicial process . However , the problem authentication and integrity Still become challenge important Because relative digital form easy copied , moved , deleted , modified , or engineered . <sup>4</sup>Therefore that , existence digital evidence in domestic violence cases need to be placed No solely from perspective existence physique something recordings , but also from perspective reliability the information contained therein .

Development practice justice show that proof digital conversations have get place in the process of proof related matters with connection House stairs . In the Decision Probolinggo Religious Court Number 560/ Rev.G /2024/ PA.Prob , for example , tools proof in the form of WhatsApp conversations are rated fulfil condition material Because can accessible from source original and can ensure aspect availability , integrity , authenticity , security , and accessibility of data. The panel of judges then give mark proof to tool proof the in relation with domestic violence incidents .<sup>5</sup> Practice the show that court No always requires digital forensic examination as the only one method For evaluate proof electronics , throughout aspect authenticity and integrity proof can accountable through condition concrete matter .

<sup>2</sup> Republic of Indonesia, Law Number 1 of 2024 concerning Change Second on Constitution Number 11 of 2008 concerning Information and Transactions Electronics , applicable since January 2, 2024.

<sup>3</sup> Gilang Rizki Aji Putra, " The Position of Digital Evidence in System Justice Indonesian Criminal Code : Reconception " Regulation and Strengthening of the Chain of Custody in the Cyber-Enabled Crime Era," BULETIN ADADALAH, Vol. 8 No. 7, 2026. Article This emphasize importance authentication , integrity and chain of custody in use digital evidence .

<sup>4</sup>Piers Dickson, Matthew Manuputty , and Yuni Priskila Ginting , " Strength Proof Digital Conversations as Unregulated Evidence in the Criminal Procedure Code," Wara Sains Journal of Law and Human Rights, Vol. 4 No. 3, 2025.

<sup>5</sup> Decision Probolinggo Religious Court Number 560/ Rev.G /2024/ PA.Prob , especially consideration about tool proof graded WhatsApp conversations fulfil aspects of availability, integrity, authenticity, security and accessibility as well associated with proof of domestic violence.

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However Thus , the practice the at a time show existence problem about standard evaluation proof electronics . In one case , a catch screen conversation can assessed own strength proof if source the original can shown and its contents recognized by the parties related . In the case other evidence similar can questioned if identity sender , data source , integrity information , or method get proof No can confirmed . The difference the show that problem main No Again just whether video recording or digital conversations can used as tool evidence , but rather How determine standard validity and power the proof . Study on position tool digital evidence in system justice Indonesian criminal law also shows existence tension between system proof conventional with characteristics digital evidence . Criminal Procedure Code as criminal procedure law main Still leave from construction tool proof as determined in Article 184 of the Criminal Procedure Code, meanwhile development law special through the ITE Law has expand confession to information and documents electronics . Condition the create need harmonization so that the position proof electronic No cause uncertainty in practice enforcement law .<sup>6</sup>

In the context of domestic violence, the need harmonization the become more important Because proof must notice the interests of the victims at the same time ensure rights suspect or defendant . Digital evidence obtained in a way No valid , has manipulated , or No can verified No should in a way automatic used For build conclusion about error somebody . Instead , approach too much proof formalistic to digital evidence can also be harming victims of domestic violence, especially when recording or conversation the is the only one available traces For reveal ongoing violence in room private .

Other related issues with method get recording The video recording was made by the victim himself . For documenting action violence in principle have different characters with tapping or interception communication electronic . Decision Court Constitution Number 20/PUU-XIV/2016 is one of the references important in differentiate problem recording with interception or wiretapping . Decision the confirm restrictions certain to use information electronic as tool related evidence with the enforcement process laws and regulations about interception .<sup>7</sup> Because of this that , in evaluate recording or digital conversation as tool proof domestic violence cases , it is necessary differentiated between documentation to something incident with action get information electronic through tapping or interception subject to requirements law alone .

Problem the become the more relevant with increasing use digital devices in life House stairs . Telephone smart , camera security , applications message instant , and social media can produce various form digital evidence in spontaneously . The victim can record action violence , saving message threats , documenting wound through Photo or video, or keep conversation that shows existence pattern violence . In conditions certain , evidence the even can become base for apparatus enforcer law For construct series events that do not can proven only through victim's statement .

Study latest regarding legal status digital content in domestic violence cases also show that content in the form of message conversation electronics , recording voice , video recordings , and social media uploads the more relevant in the process of proof . However , the power the proof still influenced by authentication , integrity , relevance , and ability For ensure that content the truly originate from claimed source .<sup>8</sup> With Thus , digital evidence should be No understood as evidence that always own strength absolute , but rather as tool evidence that must be assessed based on characteristics and context its use .

Other aspects that need to be considered noticed is digital forensics . In the digital environment , the process of proving No stop at serving a video file or screenshot at the trial . Examination can covers identification data sources , security devices , extraction process , metadata checking , logging changes , and chain of custody maintenance . Research about validity digital evidence shows that authenticity and integrity is element important in determine whether something

<sup>6</sup> Dhanang Widijawan , Paulana Christian Suryawin , Muhammad Raihan Firdaus, Eti Haryati, and Abdul Rahim, " The Position of Forensic Digital Evidence " in System Proof Case Crime in Indonesia," Cessie: Journal Scientific Law, Vol. 4 No. 6, 2026.

<sup>7</sup> Court Constitution Republic of Indonesia, Decision Number 20/PUU-XIV/2016, concerning testing provision tool proof electronic in the ITE Law. The decision the become references important about use information electronic as tool proof as well as relation with request apparatus enforcer laws and regulations interception .

<sup>8</sup> Kalijunjung Hasibuan , Nasrullah, Dwi Nurahman , Ahmad Muzayyin , and Agustina Ismail, "The Legal Status of Digital Content as Evidence of Violence Against Women. " Domestic Violence ( KDRT ) in Religious Courts , " Jurnal Collaborative Science, Vol. 8 No. 12, 2025.

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digital evidence can trusted in the judicial process.<sup>9</sup> Limitations understanding technical apparatus enforcer law to characteristics digital evidence can potential cause error in evaluate validity something recording or conversation.

On the other hand, the use of digital evidence in domestic violence cases are also facing with problem protection privacy. Conversation husband and wife, photo personal, family videos, and communication data contain personal information. Therefore that, use digital evidence must be consider balance between interest proof with protection right on privacy and personal data. Use digital evidence in No proportional can cause problem new if the victim's personal data is actually spread to the party that does not interested.

Condition the show that position video recordings and digital conversations in domestic violence cases have dimensions complex laws. On one side, law positive has give base for confession information and documents electronic as tool evidence. On the other hand, not yet all problem about standard authentication, integrity, method obtaining, storing, presenting and evaluating strength proof digital evidence obtained detailed and uniform arrangements. Literature law latest even show that framework proof Indonesian electronics still face problem fragmentation settings and not yet fully form architecture coherent digital evidence.<sup>10</sup>

Based on description said, research regarding "Position Video Recordings and Digital Conversations as Evidence in Domestic Violence Cases" become important conducted. Research This No only directed For know whether video recordings and digital conversations can accepted as tool evidence, but also for analyze position juridical in system proof domestic violence cases, the requirements that must be met fulfilled so that the evidence the can accepted, and determining factors strength evidence in court. The problem the important Because existence digital evidence can give contribution to protection of victims of domestic violence, in particular when action violence taking place in the room private and not leave witness direct.

With Thus, the study to video recordings and digital conversations are necessary placed in perspective law cyber and law proof criminal in a way simultaneously. Approach the required Because character different digital evidence with tool proof conventional. Digital evidence is easy reproducible, easy moved, potentially manipulated, but at a time capable keep information in detail about time, communication, and sequence event. Therefore that, is necessary construction law that is capable accommodate development technology without ignore principle of due process of law, certainty law, victim protection, and rights opposing parties with law.

In the end, the existence of video recordings and digital conversations can become instrument important in disclosure domestic violence cases if its use fulfil standard legality, authentication, integrity, relevance, and trustworthiness. Challenges law to front No Again just confess digital evidence as tool valid evidence, but ensure existence consistent mechanism For evaluate quality and strength proof. In the context said, research This expected can give contribution to development law cyber, criminal procedure law, and protection law for victims of domestic violence, as well as give runway conceptual for apparatus enforcer law and judges in face development proof based digital technology.

Based on background background and existing problems described, formulated problem in study This is How strength proof video recordings and digital conversations in domestic violence cases reviewed from aspect authentication, integrity, validity acquisition, and its relevance with action the crime charged?

### Research methods

Study This use method study law normative (normative legal research), namely research that places law as norms, rules, principles and principles that become base For analyze something problem law. Research law normative chosen Because problems studied focus on strengths proof video recordings and digital conversations in case Domestic Violence (DV), in particular about authentication, integrity, validity acquisition, and relevance digital evidence against action the crime charged. Research about strength proof digital conversations also use approach juridical normative Because problem mainly related with construction law, provisions regulation legislation, and concepts proof electronic in system

<sup>9</sup>M. Nanda Setiawan, Sahuri Lasmadi, Elly Sudarti, Herry Liyus, and Akbar Kurnia Putra, "Validity of Digital Closed Circuit Television Evidence in Practice "Indonesian Criminal Law Enforcement," Ius Civile: Reflections Law Enforcement and Justice, 2025.

<sup>10</sup>Anton Hendrik Samudra, Subhajit Basu, and Cristina Saenz Perez, "Digital Challenge, Analogue Mind-set: Assessing Indonesia's Electronic Criminal Evidence Framework," Journal of Indonesian Legal Studies, Vol. 11 No. 1, 2026. Article the evaluate that framework proof Indonesian electronics still fragmented and not yet fully form architecture law proof coherent electronics.

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justice criminal .<sup>11</sup> Study This use approach statute approach, approach conceptual approach, and approach case approach. Approach legislation used For study provision the laws that govern proof in case crime , violence in House stairs , and information and documents electronics . The regulations that become material analysis including the Law Number 8 of 1981 concerning Criminal Procedure Law , Law Number 23 of 2004 concerning Deletion Violence in the Household , as well as Constitution Number 11 of 2008 concerning Information and Transactions Electronic as has changed final with Constitution Number 1 of 2024. Use approach legislation required For see connection between system proof in the Criminal Procedure Code with confession information electronic as tool proof in the ITE Law<sup>12</sup>

Approach conceptual used For analyze concepts related laws with tool proof electronics , digital evidence, authentication , integrity , legality acquisition evidence , digital forensics, chain of custody, relevance tool evidence , and power proof . Approach This important Because proof electronic have different characteristics with tool proof conventional . Easy digital evidence copied , moved , deleted , or modified so that evaluation to proof the No Enough only based on the existence a file or catch screen . Research latest about digital evidence confirms that authentication and integrity is problem important in determine can trusted or whether or not something digital evidence in the judicial process .<sup>13</sup> Approach case used For analyze decision relevant courts with use video recording , WhatsApp conversation , capture screen , recording sound , CCTV, or form information electronic other as tool evidence . Approach This done with identify consideration judge's law (ratio decidendi) in determine accepted or whether or not proof electronic as well as evaluate factors used by the judge in determine strength proof . Approach case become important Because implementation proof electronic in practice No only determined by the existence of Article 5 of the ITE Law, but also by how the judge assesses it authenticity , integrity , manner acquisition , and relevance proof the .<sup>14</sup> Collection material law done through studies library research. The process of collecting data done with identify , inventory , classify , and review material related laws with proof electronic in domestic violence cases .

### Discussion

Development technology information has cause change to character tool proof in the judicial process criminal . Previous events only can proven through information witnesses , letters , or goods proof physical , now can reconstructed through various form information electronics , such as video recording , recording voice , WhatsApp conversation , mail electronics , digital photos , screenshots, and stored data in device electronics . In this case Domestic Violence (KDRT), the existence of Digital evidence takes on increasing meaning important Because action violence generally happen in room private and not always witnessed by others<sup>15</sup>

In a way juridical , recognition to information electronic as tool proof has get base through Constitution Information and Transactions Electronics . Article 5 of the Law Number 1 of 2024 provides position law to Information Electronics and/ or Document Electronics and/ or results print it as tool proof valid law . Provisions the expand construction proof previous criminal offenses more tool - oriented proof conventional . Development the Then need read

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<sup>11</sup>Piers Dickson, Matthew Benedictus Manuputty , and Yuni Priskila Ginting , “ Strength Proof Digital Conversations as Unregulated Evidence in the Criminal Procedure Code,” Wara Sains Journal of Law and Human Rights, Vol. 4, No. 3 (2025), pp . 521–535. Research the use method juridical normative with approach regulation legislation and conceptual For analyze strength proof digital conversation .

<sup>12</sup> Republic of Indonesia, Law Number 8 of 1981 concerning Criminal Procedure Law ; Republic of Indonesia, Law Number 23 of 2004 concerning Deletion Violence in the Household ; Republic of Indonesia, Law Number 1 of 2024 concerning Change Second on Constitution Number 11 of 2008 concerning Information and Transactions Electronics .

<sup>13</sup> Gilang Rizki Aji Putra, " The Position of Digital Evidence in System Justice Indonesian Criminal Code : Reconception " Regulation and Strengthening of the Chain of Custody in the Cyber-Enabled Crime Era," BULETIN ADADALAH, Vol. 8, No. 7 (2026). Research the emphasize problem authentication , integrity , and chain of custody in digital evidence in Indonesia.

<sup>14</sup>M. Nanda Setiawan, Sahuri Lasmadi , Elly Sudarti , Herry Liyus , and Akbar Kurnia Putra, " Validity of Digital Closed Circuit Television Evidence in Practice "Indonesian Criminal Law Enforcement , " Ius Civile: Reflections Law Enforcement and Justice , Vol. 9, No. 2 (2025). Research the use approach juridical normative and placing authenticity , integrity , procedures acquisition , digital forensics , and chain of custody as factor important in validity digital evidence .

<sup>15</sup> Kalijunjung Hasibuan , Nasrullah, Dwi Nurahman , Ahmad Muzayyin , and Agustina Ismail, “Legal Status of Digital Content as Evidence of Domestic Violence ( KDRT) in Religious Courts ,” Jurnal Collaborative Science, Vol. 8, No. 12 (2025).

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together with its validity Constitution Number 20 of 2025 concerning the Criminal Procedure Code which comes into force effective January 2, 2026 and revoked Constitution Number 8 of 1981<sup>16</sup>

Although information electronic has recognized in a way normative, recognition the No means that every video recording or digital conversations in automatic have strength perfect proof. Digital evidence has characteristics special. Because nature easy copied, moved, deleted, edited, and manipulated. Therefore that, power proof digital evidence must be assessed through several parameters, especially authentication, integrity, legality acquisition, and relevance. Literature law latest even show that problem main proof electronics in Indonesia today This No Again just confession to proof electronics, but rather How ensure that proof the authentic, intact, can traced, and obtained through procedures that can accountable.<sup>17</sup>

### 1. Authentication Video Recordings and Digital Conversations

Authentication is stage decisive start whether something digital evidence is real originate from sources claimed by the party submitting it. In cases of domestic violence, authentication become important because the victim can submit video recordings made use telephone mobile, WhatsApp conversations between the victim and the perpetrator, or screenshots of communications as proof existence violence, threats, intimidation, or insult.

Authentication to video recording can done with browse source recording, device used, time recording, context recording, and relationships between content recording with the alleged incident. The more clear connection between device, owner device, time recording, and content recording, the more strong base. For state that recording the authentic.

Temporary that, authentication to digital conversations can done through identity account, number phone, device original, existence conversations on the application in question, as well as confession or information parties involved. Screenshot of the conversation that only stand Alone own level greater reliability low compared to the data that can be verified from device or source the original. This because the screenshot is basically is visual representation of a data, not all electronic data That Alone.

Study latest about digital conversation affirms that problem authentication is one of the challenge main in make digital conversation as tool evidence. Existence conversations on the application just No Enough if source and authenticity Still can questioned. Therefore that, is necessary mechanism For ensure that communication the truly originate from the parties mentioned and not experience change.<sup>18</sup>

In cases of domestic violence, authentication can the more strong if digital evidence supported by tools other evidence. For example, video recordings showing action violence accompanied by victim's statement, post-mortem, photos wound, description witnesses, and communication data between the victim and perpetrator. With thus, authentication No must always understood as a standing technical process alone, but can strengthened through correlation between digital evidence with fact other.

With thus, authentication determine whether digital evidence can trusted as representation something incident certain. If source proof No clear, identity party No can verified, or there is indication manipulation, then strength the proof become weak.

### 2. Integrity Video Recordings and Digital Conversations

In addition to authentication, integrity is fundamental aspects in determine strength proof digital evidence. Integrity show that the data submitted at the trial still intact and not experience material changes since first obtained.

Characteristics digital evidence making aspect integrity become more complex compared to object physical. A video recording can cut, combined, given addition sound, or changed duration. Likewise, digital

<sup>16</sup> Republic of Indonesia, Law Number 1 of 2024 concerning Change Second on Constitution Number 11 of 2008 concerning Information and Transactions Electronics; Republic of Indonesia, Law Number 20 of 2025 concerning the Criminal Procedure Code, is in effect since January 2, 2026. Law No. 20 of 2025 revokes Law No. 8 of 1981 concerning the Criminal Procedure Code.

<sup>17</sup> Gilang Rizki Aji Putra, "The Position of Digital Evidence in System Justice Indonesian Criminal Code: Reconception" Regulation and Strengthening of Chain of Custody in the Cyber-Enabled Crime Era," BULETIN ADADALAH, Vol. 8, No. 7 (2026).

<sup>18</sup> Piers Dickson, Matthew Manuputty, and Yuni Priskila Ginting, "Strength Proof Digital Conversations as Unregulated Evidence in the Criminal Procedure Code," Wara Sains Journal of Law and Human Rights, Vol. 4, No. 3 (2025).

conversations can be deleted partially, composed, repeated, or displayed only on the part certain so that context talks become different.

Due to that, the examination integrity needs to consider source original, metadata, file characteristics, device storage, and security processes evidence. In digital forensic practice, the use of hash value, creation copy forensics, and documentation to every displacement goods proof is part important. For guard data integrity<sup>19</sup>.

The chain of custody concept also exists position important. Chain of custody is documentation about journey something proof since found, obtained, secured, examined, stored, until submitted in the judicial process. In the context digital evidence, chain mastery the required. For show that the data examined by the expert and the data presented at the trial is the same data. Research published in 2024 emphasized importance framework readiness digital forensics and chain of custody maintenance in guard integrity digital<sup>20</sup> evidence.

In cases of domestic violence, for example, the victim submits telephone mobile to investigators in it there is WhatsApp conversations and video recordings. Investigators must can explain How device the received, secured, checked, and stored. If the process is documented with well, maybe other parties question change or manipulation proof become more small.

Development technology intelligence artificial also increasingly strengthen need to inspection integrity. Audio and video recordings are now can manipulated with deepfake technology. Conditions the show that the principle of "seeing" means believe "no. Again can implemented in a way simple to digital evidence. Literature latest regarding deepfake mentions that ability AI technology in modify sound and visuals evoke challenge new to integrity and authenticity proof criminal.<sup>21</sup> Therefore that, the video footage that is visible convincing. Not yet Of course own strength proof tall if his integrity No can ensured. Integrity must seen from the entire management process evidence, not only from appearance evidence at the time trial.

### 3. Validity Acquisition of Digital Evidence

Aspect third is validity method get digital evidence. In law proof, the problem that must be noticed No only content something evidence, but also the process of obtaining proof the principle. This become the more important to proof electronic. Because technology allows somebody obtaining personal data or communication other parties with various method.

In cases of domestic violence, it is necessary differentiated between recordings made by the victim against action the violence he experienced with action get communication through tapping or interception. The recording made by the victim for documenting violence have different characters with action take communication private through mechanism interception.

Validity acquisition is also related with the process of confiscation and inspection device electronics. When the phone mobile, computer, or storage media made into source evidence, authorities enforcer law must notice procedure applicable laws so that the process of obtaining data does not result in violation to right the party being examined.

Development study latest show that one of weakness system proof Indonesian electronics is located in yet his uniform standard regarding the acquisition, security, inspection and documentation processes digital evidence.<sup>22</sup> That is, recognition to proof electronic in a way normative. Not yet fully followed by procedures detailed technical and procedural law.

That matter important in domestic violence cases because there is interests that must be balanced. In one side, the victim needs protection and mechanisms effective proof. On the other hand, the defendant still

<sup>19</sup>Vanessa and Hery Firmansyah, "Analysis of the Validity of Electronic Evidence in Criminal Trial Proceedings and the Implementation of Its Admissibility (Judgment Study)," Indonesian Journal of Law and Economics Review, Vol. 20, no. 4 (2025).

<sup>20</sup>Cecep Mustafa, "Chain of Custody Integrity in Digital Evidence Examination," JUDEX LAGUENS: Journal of Law and Justice, Vol. 2, No. 1 (2024), pp. 75–96.

<sup>21</sup>Adrian Bima Putra, "The Legal Standing of Deepfake Digital Evidence in Criminal Proceedings: Challenges of Evidentiary Integrity in the AI Era," Fox Justi: Journal Legal Studies (2026).

<sup>22</sup>Fayadh Ayyasi Regar, Milda Istiqomah, and Faizin Sulistio, "The Urgency of Legal Regulations Relating to the Authentication of Evidence Electronics in the Indonesian Criminal Justice System," International Journal of Educational Review, Law and Social Sciences, Vol. 5, no. 5 (2025).

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have right For obtain a fair trial process . Therefore that , digital evidence does not may used solely Because can profitable proof to the defendant , but must obtained and processed through mechanisms that can accountable .

Study about validity proof electronic in trial criminal show that formal and material aspects must be noticed in a way together . Examination authentication and digital forensics required especially when authenticity or integrity proof questioned .<sup>23</sup> With Thus , the validity acquisition is an important filter For determine legitimacy digital evidence . Relevant evidence but obtained through contradictory ways with law potential lost legitimacy or at least face problem Serious about strength the proof .

### 4. Relevance of Digital Evidence to Action Domestic Violence Crime

Authentic and intact something digital evidence yet automatic make proof the own strength high level of evidence . Evidence must also be relevant with action the crime charged . Relevance show existence connection between content proof with fact or element action criminal offenses that must be proven .

In cases of domestic violence, the relevance can seen from connection video recording or digital conversation with form the alleged violence . If indictment related with violence physical , video recordings showing action beating can have relevance directly . If case related with violence psychic , conversation containing threats , intimidation , insults , or form pressure psychological other can become relevant evidence throughout can associated with events and elements action criminal .

Relevance is also a must notice context . Conversations that only display One sentence without conversation previously can cause interpretation different with if all over series communication displayed . Because of this that , presentation digital evidence must be as much as possible Possible maintain context so that the judge does not evaluate information based on piece separate communications from series events . Research regarding legal status digital content as evidence of domestic violence shows that digital content has potential significant probative , but mark the depends on its authentication , integrity and relevance with the event being examined .<sup>24</sup>

### 5. Strength Proof Based on Cumulation Four Aspect

Based on analysis said , the power proof video recordings and digital conversations in domestic violence cases do not can determined only based on one parameter. Fourth aspect must assessed in a way cumulative .

| Aspect               | Strengthening Conditions                                           | Debilitating Conditions                                           |
|----------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Authentication       | Source original can verified                                       | Source / account No clear                                         |
| Integrity            | Original files , metadata, inspection forensics , chain of custody | File only in the form of a screenshot or there is edit indication |
| Validity acquisition | Obtained through procedure law                                     | How to get No clear or violate law                                |
| Relevance            | Relate direct with elements of domestic violence                   | Not related with indictment                                       |
| Correlation          | Supported tool other evidence                                      | Stand Alone without support                                       |

With construction said , video recording or digital conversations have strength high level of evidence if authentic , intact , obtained in a way valid , relevant , and supported tool other evidence . On the other hand , digital evidence that only in the form of a screenshot without source original , no the process of obtaining it is known , or No own connection with element action criminal will have mark more proof limited .

That matter in line with development study Indonesian law which shows that confession to proof electronic Not yet in a way automatic finish problem proof . There are still problem about standard authentication , integrity , chain of custody, and capability apparatus enforcer law in handle digital evidence .<sup>25</sup> Even study latest

<sup>23</sup>Vanessa and Hery Firmansyah, "Analysis of the Validity of Electronic Evidence in Criminal Trial Proceedings and the Implementation of Its Admissibility (Judgment Study)," 2025.

<sup>24</sup> Hasibuan et al., "Legal Status of Digital Content as Evidence of Domestic Violence ( KDRT) in Religious Courts ,," 2025.

<sup>25</sup> Mochammad Chamim , Kusno Widodo, Sugeng Riyadi , Padri Achyarsyah , and Faisal, "The Role of Digital Evidence in Criminal Law Enforcement: Challenges of Authentication and Admissibility in Court," Research Horizon, 2025.

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about framework proof Indonesian electronics show that existing regulations Still relatively fragmented in arrange collection , authentication , maintenance , and evaluation proof electronics .<sup>26</sup>

With Thus , the power proof video recordings and digital conversations in domestic violence cases in essence nature contextual and cumulative . Not appropriate if digital evidence is viewed have strength proof absolute only Because has recognized as tool proof electronics . On the other hand , no it is also appropriate to consider screenshots, video recordings , or digital conversation no own mark law only Because in the form of electronic data .

More construction appropriate is evaluate digital evidence through four stage , namely authentication , integrity , legality acquisition , and relevance , then connect it with tool proof other . Approach the give balance between need protection for victims of domestic violence and guarantee of due process of law for defendant .

In context law cyber , approach it also shows that problem proof of domestic violence has experience shift from proof based object physique going to proof data- driven . Challenges law No Again only lies in finding proof , but also confirm that digital evidence found truly describe events that occurred . Therefore that , digital forensics , authentication , and chain of custody become instrument important For bridge aspect technical technology with need proof law .

Based on overall analysis , can concluded that video recordings and digital conversations can have strength significant evidence in domestic violence cases if fulfil standard authentication , integrity , validity acquisition , and relevance . Strength the the more tall if digital evidence confirmed by the tool other evidence , such as victim's statement , statement witnesses , results inspection medical , photo wounds , or goods other related evidence with action violence .

With Thus , the problem main in digital proof is not Again whether video recordings and digital conversations can used as tool evidence , but rather How ensure that proof the can trusted and accountable in a way law . Changes paradigm the become the more important after the new Criminal Procedure Code will come into effect in 2026, which shows that system Indonesian criminal procedure law has enter stage update For adapt self with development technology information<sup>27</sup>

### Closing

#### A. Conclusion

Based on results research and discussion about strength proof video recordings and digital conversations in case Domestic Violence (KDRT) , can concluded that development technology information has bring change significant to pattern proof in case criminal , including domestic violence cases . Video recordings , WhatsApp conversations , recordings sound , screenshots, and shapes information electronic other can become part important in reveal something incident crimes that occur in the environment House stairs . Characteristics of domestic violence that often occur taking place in the room private cause digital evidence has position strategic Because capable record or documenting events that do not always can proven through witness direct .

In a way normative , information electronic has get confession as tool valid evidence through provision regulation legislation about information and transactions electronics . However , the recognition in a way normative the No means that every video recording or digital conversations in automatic have strength perfect proof . Electronic evidence own characteristics special Because easy copied , moved , deleted , cut , edited , or manipulated . Therefore that , power proof digital evidence must be assessed based on condition concrete and quality evidence submitted in the judicial process .

First , the aspect authentication is condition important For determine whether video recording or digital conversation is real originate from source claimed by the party submitting it . Authentication can done with see source recording , device used , identity account , number phone , device original , metadata, relationship between owner account with the alleged party do communication , as well as support tool proof others . In case WhatsApp conversation , standing

<sup>26</sup>Anton Hendrik Samudra, Subhajit Basu , and Cristina Saenz Perez, "Digital Challenge, Analogue Mind-set: Assessing Indonesia's Electronic Criminal Evidence Framework," *Journal of Indonesian Legal Studies*, Vol. 11, no. 1 (2026). Study the evaluate that framework proof Indonesian electronics still fragmented , especially related collection , authentication , handling , maintenance , and evaluation proof electronics .

<sup>27</sup> Republic of Indonesia, Law Number 20 of 2025 concerning the Criminal Procedure Code . This law established and promulgated in December 2025 and start effective January 2, 2026.

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screenshot Alone own potential weakness if No can verified through device or source the original . Therefore that , the more strong verification process to source and authenticity evidence , increasingly strong foundation For accept proof the as information that can trusted .

Second , integrity determine whether permanent digital evidence intact since first acquired until with submitted in trial . Integrity become important Because video recordings and digital conversations can modified with relatively easy . Inspection to metadata, file characteristics , devices original , hash value , digital forensic examination , and implementation of chain of custody can used For ensure that evidence examined and evidence presented at trial is the same data . In the context of development intelligence artificial , problem integrity the more complex Because deepfake technology allows manipulation images , videos, and sounds so that inspection in a way forensics become the more important .

Third , validity acquisition proof be a parameter that is not can separated from strength proof . Digital evidence does not only must relevant , but also must be obtained through ways that can accountable in a way law . In domestic violence cases , it is necessary differentiated between documentation made by the victim for record the violence he experienced with action get communication other parties through tapping or interception . Likewise with regard to device electronics used as source evidence , security processes , inspections , and data retrieval must be notice provision applicable law . With thus , the way get proof become part important in determine legitimacy and can accountable for digital evidence .

Fourth , relevance is a parameter for determine connection between content video recording or digital conversation with action domestic violence charges . Authentic and complete digital evidence Not yet Of course own strength proof if No have connection with element action criminal offenses that must be proven . Video footage showing action violence physical , for example , have strong relevance if can associated with time , place , perpetrator , victim, and the alleged incident . Likewise , digital conversations containing threats , intimidation , insults , or communication related with action violence can have mark proof throughout context and its relevance with action criminal can proven .

With Thus , the power proof video recordings and digital conversations in domestic violence cases are cumulative and contextual . This means that the power proof No only determined by the existence of proof electronics , but by the fulfillment four parameters, namely authentication , integrity , validity acquisition , and relevance . Strength proof will the more tall if the digital evidence also has correlation with tool other evidence , such as victim's statement , statement witnesses , results inspection medical or visa , photo wounds , as well as goods proof other .

Study this also shows that challenge main digital proof in domestic violence cases do not Again solely lies in the problem whether information electronic can used as tool evidence , but shifting on how ensure authenticity , integrity , legality , and relevance proof said . Because of that that , the law proof need capable follow development technology so that digital evidence can be used in a way effective For give protection to the victims at once still ensure right defendant on a fair trial process .

### B. Suggestions

Based on conclusion mentioned , there are some suggestions that can submitted .

First , it is necessary strengthening regulations and guidelines technical about standard authentication and integrity digital evidence in case criminal law , in particular domestic violence cases . Provisions about information electronic as tool proof need equipped with more guidelines operational about How video recording , WhatsApp conversation , screenshot, recording sound and shape other digital evidence verified before used in trial .

Second , the apparatus enforcer law , in particular investigators , need increase ability in field of digital forensics . Digital evidence management should No stop the activity take or print screenshot, but includes data acquisition process , preservation , metadata checking , verification integrity , chain of custody documentation , and storage proof in a way safe . This is required For reduce possibility proof questioned Because existence suspicion manipulation .

Third , it is necessary existence standardization of chain of custody proof electronics . Every transfer , inspection , copying , and storage device and digital data must be documented with good . Standardization the important to be able to known who controls evidence , when proof accepted , how proof checked , and whether there is change to data during the handling process .

Fourth , the judge needs to apply evaluation digital evidence in comprehensive and not only based on visual display of evidence . Video recording or screenshot of the conversation No should assessed in a way separate , but

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associated with source original , context communication , tools proof others , as well as the facts revealed at the trial . Approach the can prevent use digital evidence that has been manipulated or issued from context the original .

Fifth , victims of domestic violence need get education about method do preservation digital evidence . Victims should No delete conversation , changing device without do backup , or only save screenshot if Still allows maintain the original data . In a secure environment , digital evidence should be maintained in device or storage media the original so that can done inspection more continued by the authorities enforcer law or digital forensics expert .

Sixth , development technology intelligence artificial and deepfake need become attention in system proof criminal . Apparatus enforcer laws and institutions justice need develop ability For detect manipulation to video, sound , images , and digital conversations . The use of technology in proof must balanced with technology For do verification to authenticity proof .

In the end , strengthening digital proof in domestic violence cases must be placed in two balanced interests , namely give protection and access justice for the victims at once ensure principle of due process of law for defendant . Video recordings and digital conversations are not may viewed as automatic proof Correct only Because in the form of electronic data , but also not may set aside only Because originate from digital media . Accurate assessment is with test authentication , integrity , validity acquisition , and its relevance , then connect it with overall tool proof in matter .

With approach said , the law Indonesia's proof is expected capable respond development digital technology at once give certainty law , protection against victims of domestic violence, and guarantees fair trial for all party .

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