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# NYPD Deputy Commissioner slams bail reform, says 99% won't see jail cell

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Almost everyone arrested in the Big Apple — aside from those facing murder or attempted murder charges — will not see a jail cell until convicted under [new bail rules](#), according to an NYPD top cop.

NYPD Deputy Commissioner John Miller [slammed the criminal justice reform in Albany Sunday morning](#), calling it “misguided” on The Cats Roundtable with host John Catsimatidis on 970 AM New York.

“Everybody who gets arrested for anything except for maybe murder and attempted murder is going to be released without having to pay anything at arraignment,” Miller said. “Before they enacted this law, 89% of people were being released at arraignment without having to bail anyway.

“Now that’s probably going to go to 99% — which is going to be a problem because criminals are going to know at the time they’re arrested ‘I’m not really risking going to jail.’”

The elimination of cash bail has been a hot button topic among law enforcement since it was proposed in Albany — uniting the Police Commissioner, [police unions](#) and [all five District Attorneys](#) in the city.

The reform is set to go into effect at the start of 2020 as part of a budget deal.

The new laws eliminate cash bail for low-level misdemeanors or non-violent felonies — a move that supporters have said will help address racial disparities and overcrowding of jails.

Miller also criticized the changes to the trial discovery process that requires the prosecutors to hand over all evidence within three weeks of arrest, saying it would put victims and witnesses at risk.

“That’s going to be a real problem,” he said.

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