

Ex-con with 24 arrests since April caught on NYC subway with stolen motorcycle, cops say

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Frank Pagan NYPD

It's a vicious cycle.

An ex-con who has been arrested and released 24 times since April was hauled in on Tuesday for the sixth time this month — after cops allegedly caught him bringing a stolen motorcycle onto a Manhattan subway train.

Frank Pagan, 55, has managed to continue [his alleged crime spree](#) since April thanks to New York's lax bail laws — racking up eight felony and six misdemeanor charges in the process, according to police.

This month alone, the registered sex offender has allegedly swiped the Suzuki motorcycle, a Ford Transit van, tools from a construction site and NYPD property from a department vehicle, police said.

Pagan's most recent arrest — for criminal possession of stolen property and a controlled substance — came Tuesday around 1 p.m. after he allegedly dragged the stolen Suzuki into the subway station at West 72nd Street and Broadway, cops said.

"There is a victim behind each one of these crimes, and these are what he's getting arrested for — you can imagine what he's not getting arrested for," NYPD Chief Michael LiPetri told The Post.

"He has no regard for victims or law and order. This is how brazen he is, he stole a motorcycle [and] brought it onto the train."

Since his first arrest during the pandemic April 8, Pagan has been released on his own recognizance 19 times and given a desk appearance ticket in five arrests, LiPetri said.

All were non-bail eligible charges under the controversial [criminal justice reforms](#) that were enacted in January of this year.

In April, Pagan was arrested for allegedly threatening to kill his ex-wife and burn down her home, according to authorities.

"I will burn your house down, I got grenades, and I got shotguns, I'm going to shoot you in the head," Pagan allegedly said in a voicemail on April 21, according to a criminal complaint.

The court issued an order of protection — but Pagan allegedly broke that on May 14 and was arrested again.

Both times he was let go, court records show.



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The stolen motorcycleDCPI

Pagan has a lifetime record of nine misdemeanor convictions and 10 felony convictions, LiPetri said — including three violent felonies. He was forced to register as a sex offender 2001 after raping a 19-year-old woman, state records show

“He doesn’t care if he gets arrested,” he said.

“He’s breaking into people’s cars, he’s breaking into people’s garages, he’s breaking into commercial establishments, he’s stealing motor vehicles, and he’s stealing motorcycles.”