
Bucco: Murphy Quietly Releasing More Inmates Days After Urban Mayors Call for Help Fighting Crime Surge

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"Violent crime in some of our cities has gotten so bad under the Murphy administration that many urban mayors who supported bail reform are demanding a new law that would keep dangerous criminals in jail until trial," said Bucco (R-25). "Instead of helping the mayors to address [their serious concerns about public safety](#), Governor Murphy is throwing gas on the fire by releasing hundreds of inmates into the very same communities where crime is already surging. It's absolutely nuts and beyond tone-deaf."

Alex Zdan from News 12 New Jersey [broke the news](#) last night that the Murphy administration will release 260 inmates from state prisons today under a pandemic early release policy.

It does not appear that any public notice was made by the Murphy administration or the New Jersey Department of Corrections of the planned inmate release.

This latest release comes after 40% of the state prison population was set free into New Jersey communities under the administration's early release policy in 2020 and 2021.

One of the inmates Murphy released early was charged with [killing two people at a birthday party](#), while another was charged with [killing someone within a half-mile of his prison](#) just two days after being set free.

"The simple fact is that people are dead who would be alive today if not for Governor Murphy's misguided early release program," added Bucco. "Given the tragic results of past inmate releases, it's no surprise the least transparent administration in New Jersey history hasn't said anything about the hundreds of prisoners the governor is setting free today. Our safe streets, Governor Murphy should [Give It Back](#)."