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Following The Trump Conviction, Bragg Has Become A Darling Of The Left And Trump Will Remain A Centerpiece Of His Reelection Campaign

When Running For DA, Bragg Promised Voters He Would Hold Trump Accountable.

“While campaigning, Bragg said: ‘I have investigated Trump and his children and held them accountable for their misconduct with the Trump Foundation. I also sued the Trump administration more than 100 times for the travel ban, the separation of children from their families at the border. So I know that work. I know how to follow the facts and hold people in power accountable.’ He also said that he would continue with Vance’s investigation and hold Trump ‘accountable by following the facts where they go.’ Bragg continued to make frequent reference to his legal experience with the Trump family throughout the campaign.” (Theo Burman, “Did Alvin Bragg Campaign On A Promise To Prosecute Trump? What We Know,” [Newsweek](#), 5/31/24)

- **Bragg’s Goal Was To Become A “Progressive Folk Hero.”** “Mr. Bragg campaigned on an explicit promise to prosecute Mr. Trump. His goal was to become a progressive folk hero.” (Matthew Hennessey, Op-Ed, “Democrats May Regret Their Legal War On Trump,” [The Wall Street Journal](#), 6/12/24)

Bragg, A Democrat Facing Reelection In 2025, Will Make His Conviction Of Trump A Centerpiece Of His Campaign. “Manhattan District Attorney Alvin Bragg won more than just the case when a jury found Donald Trump guilty of 34 felony counts. The Harlem Democrat, who at times seemed like a reluctant participant in a trial he launched, secured a place in history as the first prosecutor to land the conviction of an American president. ... Bragg, as much as he’s sought to avoid seeming like a politician, will be forced to reckon with his future. He’ll have to run for reelection next year on a platform that is sure to include his conviction of Trump as its centerpiece. Aides, allies and New York Democratic leaders say they expect the Manhattan Democrats who elected him to know and appreciate the case he won, even if he himself does not want to — pardon the pun — brag about it.” (Jeff Coltin, “This Reluctant Prosecutor Just Made Donald Trump A Felon,” [Politico](#), 6/1/24)

- **Since Indicting Trump, His Reelection Campaign Has Received Hundreds Of Thousands Of Dollars.** “Manhattan District Attorney Alvin Bragg collected a cool \$850,000 in donations after indicting former President Donald Trump last March — with powerful Democrats and left-leaning labor unions cheering on the prosecution with their wallets, records show. In the most recent campaign filing period, Bragg’s re-election campaign received \$481,203 in donations from July 12, 2023 through Jan. 12 — \$100,000 more than the \$374,785 raised during the prior six-month period.” (Carl Campanile, ‘Soft-On-Crime’ DA Alvin Bragg Collected \$850K In Campaign Donations After Trump Indictment,” [New York Post](#), 4/15/24)

Trump Should Never Have Been Prosecuted By Bragg

Trump’s Misdemeanor Crimes Were “Relatively Minor” But Bragg Elevated Them To Felonies Arguing They Were To Hide Another Crime, Which “Unusually,” He Did Not Charge. “On its own, falsifying those documents would be misdemeanors, relatively minor crimes. Bragg elevated each of the charges to felonies by arguing that they were committed to hide or further another crime — which, in an unusual move, he did not charge.” (Kim Barker, Jonah E. Bromwich and Michael Rothfeld, “How A ‘Nerdy’ Prosecutor Became The First To Try Trump,” [The New York Times](#), 4/15/24)

- **Bragg’s Case Against Trump Rested On Shaky Legal Ground And Carried The Lowest Stakes.** “The hush-money case has always carried the lowest stakes of the four, and some court observers viewed it as less serious and resting on shakier legal ground. But it may be the only one that sees a trial before the election, and almost certainly will be the only one in which Trump will be sentenced by then.” (James Fanelli and Corinne Ramey, “New York Prosecutor Was First To Charge A Former President. Now He Weighs Seeking To Imprison One,” [The Wall Street Journal](#), 6/2/24)

Bragg's Case Against Trump Was "Bad Political Precedent." "Aside from the bad political precedent this case has set, what does it say about Mr. Bragg's priorities, as the DA of a big city wrestling with elevated crime?" (Editorial, "While Alvin Bragg Was Having A Trump Trial ...," [The Wall Street Journal](#), 6/2/24)

WHILE PURSUING TRUMP, THE SAFETY OF NEW YORKERS WAS NOT A PRIORITY FOR BRAGG

Bragg Is An Activist Moonlighting As A Prosecutor

Bragg Is A "Pro-Criminal Activist Pretending To Be A Prosecutor." "There is no dancing around the reality: Manhattan District Attorney Alvin Bragg is a pro-criminal activist pretending to be a prosecutor." (Zachary Faria, Op-Ed, "New York Prosecutor Alvin Bragg Is Pro-Criminal," [Washington Examiner](#), 6/21/24)

- **He Would Rather Keep As Many Criminals Out Of Jail Rather Than Keep New York Residents Safe.** "Bragg is a political activist who imposes his ideology and partisanship on the justice system he is supposed to oversee. Rather than prosecute criminals and keep New York residents safe, Bragg wants to keep as many actual criminals out of jail as possible and prosecute his party's political opponents instead." (Zachary Faria, Op-Ed, "New York Prosecutor Alvin Bragg Is Pro-Criminal," [Washington Examiner](#), 6/21/24)

Bragg's First Step As Manhattan DA Was To Issue A Memo Instructing His Officers To Cease Seeking Jail Time For Many Crimes, Including Armed Robbery, Which Was Scorned By Police, Conservatives And Some Democrats. "One of his first steps was a memo that, among other things, instructed prosecutors not to seek jail time for some low-level offenses, such as minor marijuana possession and sale (the state later legalized such possession) and to charge some armed robberies in commercial settings as misdemeanor petit larcenies. Police leaders, conservative media and some centrist Democrats accused him of being soft on criminals during a pandemic-era crime spike." (Jake Offenhartz, Michael R. Sisak and Jennifer Peltz, "Who Is Alvin Bragg? District Attorney Who Prosecuted Trump Says He Was Just Doing His Job," [The Associated Press](#), 6/1/24)

- **Bragg's Memo Made A "Commitment To Making Incarceration A Matter Of Last Resort."** "For Mr. Bragg, such decisions are also ideological, since he's a 'progressive prosecutor,' and shortly after taking office he issued an official memo that underlined his 'commitment to making incarceration a matter of last resort.'" (Editorial, "While Alvin Bragg Was Having A Trump Trial ...," [The Wall Street Journal](#), 6/2/24)

Bragg's Priorities Have Come Into Question As New York City Has Faced Elevated Crime

Bragg's Case Against Trump Was Raises Questions About His DA Priorities. "Aside from the bad political precedent this case has set, what does it say about Mr. Bragg's priorities, as the DA of a big city wrestling with elevated crime?" (Editorial, "While Alvin Bragg Was Having A Trump Trial ...," [The Wall Street Journal](#), 6/2/24)

While Busy Prosecuting Trump, NYPD Boroughs Of Manhattan North And South Reported 4,900 Arrests, Which Are Up 700 Compared To A Year Earlier. The Arrest Covered The Time Period Of Two-Thirds Of The Trump Trial. "In the 28 days ending May 26, a period that covers about two-thirds of Mr. Trump's trial, the New York Police Department's patrol boroughs of Manhattan North and Manhattan South reported 4,900 total arrests, according to the NYPD's CompStat crime tracking program. That figure is up about 700 compared with a year earlier. It includes six arrests for murder, 12 for rape, 15 grand theft auto, 210 burglary, 214 robbery, 362 grand larceny (over \$1,000), and 390 felony assault." (Editorial, "While Alvin Bragg Was Having A Trump Trial ...," [The Wall Street Journal](#), 6/2/24)

The Trend Shows That Arrests For Major Felonies Is Up 22.5 Percent From 2019, Just Before Covid Hit. "What's important is the trend, and it isn't encouraging. Last year the NYPD's Manhattan precincts filed more than 33,000 complaints on seven major felonies, including 73 murders and non-negligent manslaughters, 3,800 robberies, 5,100 felony assaults, and 18,000 grand

larcenies. That overall total is down 4.4% from 2022, but it's still up 22.5% from 2019, the year before Covid hit." (Editorial, "While Alvin Bragg Was Having A Trump Trial ...," [The Wall Street Journal](#), 6/2/24)

CRIMINALS NOW ROAM NYC WITH LITTLE FEAR OF FACING JAIL TIME

Bragg Has Downgraded More Than 50 Percent Of Felonies In The Big Apple To Misdemeanors

Bragg's Office Has "Downgraded A Greater Share Of Felony Charges To Misdemeanors Than In Recent History In Manhattan." "Under Bragg, prosecutors downgraded a greater share of felony charges to misdemeanors than in recent history in Manhattan." (Jill Terreri Ramos, "Are More Than Half Of Felony Charges In Manhattan Downgraded? Yes, But It's Common Elsewhere, Too," [PolitiFact](#), 4/8/23)

In 2023, A "Staggering" 60 Percent Of Felony Cases Were Downgraded To Lesser Charges. Of The 983 Most Serious Charged, 834 Were Reduced To Misdemeanors.

"Manhattan District Attorney Alvin Bragg has downgraded a staggering 60 percent of felony cases to lesser charges in the last year, data from his office shows. The progressive DA reduced 938 of the most serious charged in 2023, 834 of which were brought down to misdemeanors." (Bethan Sexton, "Progressive Manhattan DA Alvin Bragg Downgraded Staggering Sixty Percent Of Felony Cases To Lesser Charges Last Year – Amid Fury Over Criminal Being Repeatedly Released To Roam Streets Of Big Apple," [Daily Mail](#), 2/17/24)

- **"Under Bragg, The Percentage Of Felonies Downgraded Has Increased To 60 - Up From 53% Percent Under His Predecessor."** (Bethan Sexton, "Progressive Manhattan DA Alvin Bragg Downgraded Staggering Sixty Percent Of Felony Cases To Lesser Charges Last Year – Amid Fury Over Criminal Being Repeatedly Released To Roam Streets Of Big Apple," [Daily Mail](#), 2/17/24)

Bragg Has Secured A Felony Conviction Only 52 Percent Of The Time, Down From 65 Percent In 2021.

"But this will be of little comfort to victims of the most serious crimes, with the data showing that Bragg's office has secured a felony conviction just 52 percent of the time, down from 65 percent in 2021." (Bethan Sexton, "Progressive Manhattan DA Alvin Bragg Downgraded Staggering Sixty Percent Of Felony Cases To Lesser Charges Last Year – Amid Fury Over Criminal Being Repeatedly Released To Roam Streets Of Big Apple," [Daily Mail](#), 2/17/24)

In His First Year In Office In 2022, Bragg Downgraded 52 Percent Of Felonies To Misdemeanors.

"Data from Bragg's website confirms that 52% of felonies that were screened by prosecutors were downgraded to misdemeanors in 2022, the first year Bragg was in office. 2023 data shows that so far, 54% of felonies have been downgraded to misdemeanors." (Jill Terreri Ramos, "Are More Than Half Of Felony Charges In Manhattan Downgraded? Yes, But It's Common Elsewhere, Too," [PolitiFact](#), 4/8/23)

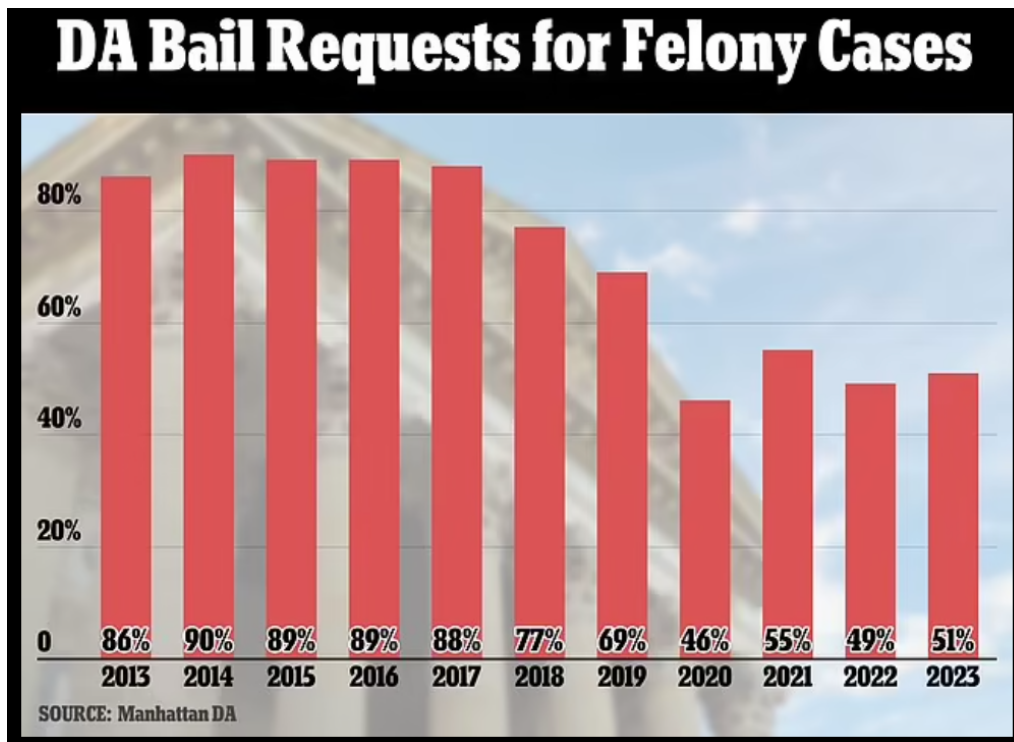
Bragg Is Responsible For Criminals Remaining On The Streets

New York's Worst Criminals Remain Free To Roam The Streets Under Bragg.

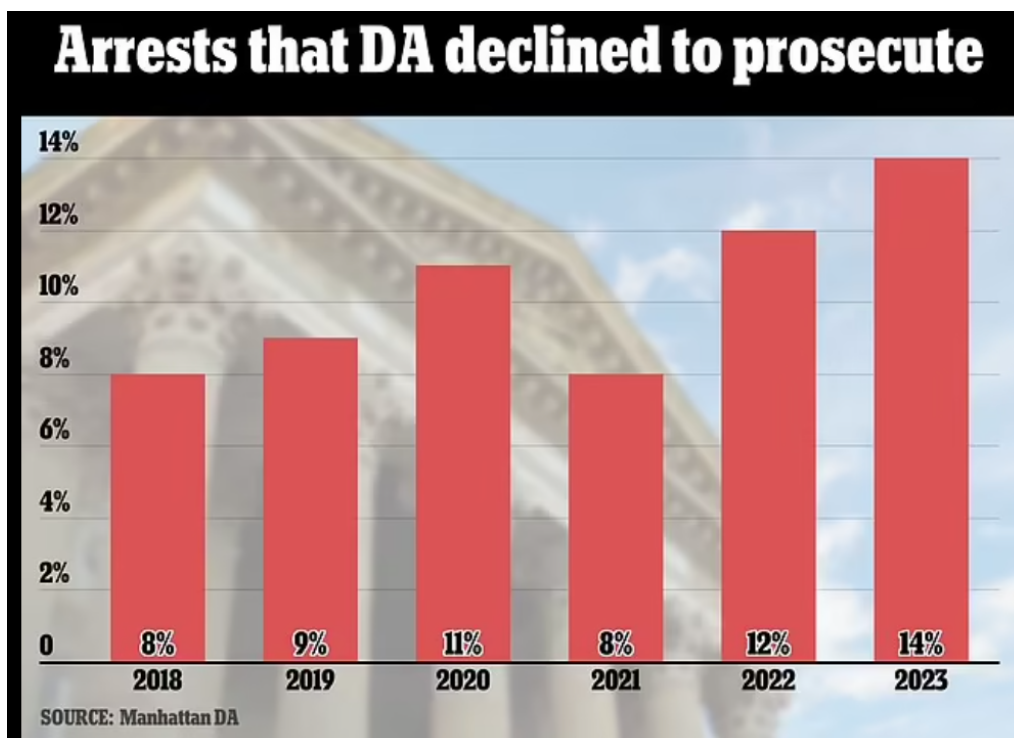
"Suspected felons have walked free in half of cases since Alvin Bragg took office, sparking fears that some of New York's worst criminals still roam the streets, DailyMail.com can reveal." (Miles Dilworth, "Suspected Felons Have Walked Free In HALF Of Cases Since Alvin Bragg Took Office - Double The Rate In 2018 - As New York's Lax Bail Laws Allow City's Worst Criminals To Roam The Streets," [Daily Mail](#), 4/19/23)

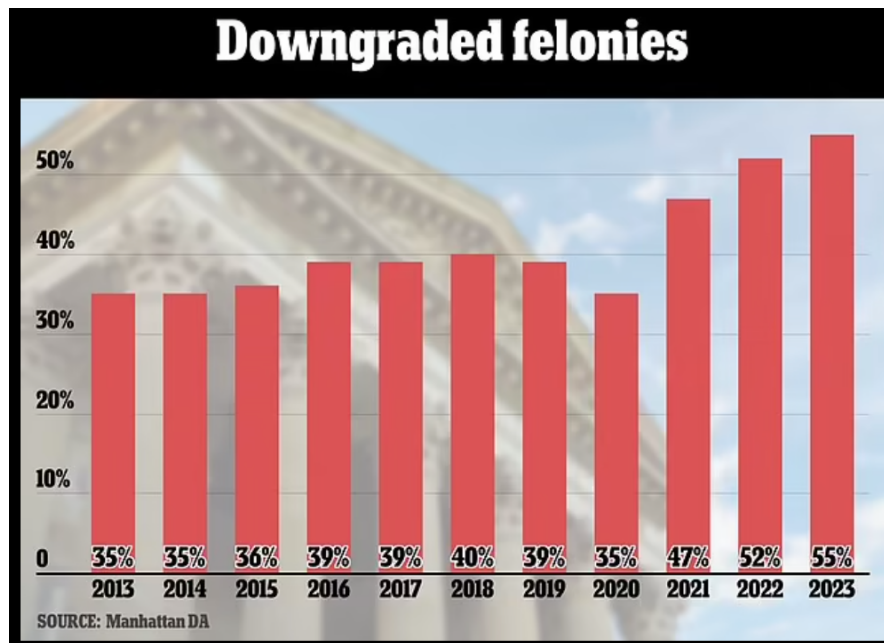
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"The proportion of cases in which the Manhattan DA's office has not asked for felony suspects to be held on bail has more than doubled since 2018, according to its own data." (Miles Dilworth, "Suspected Felons Have Walked Free In HALF Of Cases Since Alvin Bragg Took Office - Double The Rate In 2018 - As New York's Lax Bail Laws Allow City's Worst Criminals To Roam The Streets," [Daily Mail](#), 4/19/23)



Bragg's Office Has Declined To Prosecute A Rising Number Of Offenders And Has Downgraded Over 50 Percent Of Felony Charges To Misdemeanors. (Miles Dilworth, "Suspected Felons Have Walked Free In HALF Of Cases Since Alvin Bragg Took Office - Double The Rate In 2018 - As New York's Lax Bail Laws Allow City's Worst Criminals To Roam The Streets," [Daily Mail](#), 4/19/23)





The Headlines Write Themselves For Bragg's Dereliction Of Duty

New York Post: "Manhattan DA Alvin Bragg Under Fire For Going Soft In Violent

Attack On NYC Nurse" (Larry Celona and Jorge Fitz-Gibbon, "Manhattan DA Alvin Bragg Under Fire For Going Soft In Violent Attack On NYC Nurse," [New York Post](#), 2/16/23)

New York Post: "Manhattan DA Alvin Bragg Defends 'Sweetheart Deal' In NYC Anti-Semitic Attack"

(Jorge Fitz-Gibbon, "Manhattan DA Alvin Bragg Defends 'Sweetheart Deal' In NYC Anti-Semitic Attack," [New York Post](#), 2/1/23)

New York Post: "DA Alvin Bragg Cuts Break For Women Allegedly Caught On Video Attacking NYPD Cops"

(Larry Celona and Jorge Fitz-Gibbon, "DA Alvin Bragg Cuts Break For Women Allegedly Caught On Video Attacking NYPD Cops," [New York Post](#), 2/23/22)

New York Post: "Serial NYC Shoplifter Who'd Dodged Jail Nabbed For Another 27

Heists" (Joe Marino, Haley Brown and Jorge Fitz-Gibbon, "Serial NYC Shoplifter Who'd Dodged Jail Nabbed For Another 27 Heists," [New York Post](#), 12/27/22)

New York Post: "Manhattan DA Alvin Bragg Lowers Charges In Grand Larceny Case:

Sources" (Larry Celona, Dean Balsamini and Khristina Narizhnaya, "Manhattan DA Alvin Bragg Lowers Charges In Grand Larceny Case: Sources," [New York Post](#), 2/19/22)

New York Post: "Suspect Who Caught A Break From Manhattan DA Alvin Bragg Held On Bail In Sanitation Worker Attack"

(Tamar Lapin, "Suspect Who Caught A Break From Manhattan DA Alvin Bragg Held On Bail In Sanitation Worker Attack," [New York Post](#), 2/28/22)

New York Post: "Reputed NYC Gangster Out On Sweetheart Deal Arrested Again After Allegedly Mugging Teen"

(Joe Marino and Craig McCarthy, "Reputed NYC Gangster Out On Sweetheart Deal Arrested Again After Allegedly Mugging Teen" [New York Post](#), 2/17/23)

New York Post: "DA Alvin Bragg Cut Deals That Freed NYC Career Criminal — Who Then Punched Woman In Random Attack"

(Larry Celona and Jorge Fitz-Gibbon, "DA Alvin Bragg Cut Deals That Freed NYC Career Criminal — Who Then Punched Woman In Random Attack," [New York Post](#), 6/16/22)

New York Post: "Suspected Thief Arrested For Attempted Rape Of Girl, 15, Months After Bragg Reduced Charges"

(Joe Marino, Kevin Sheehan and Mark Lungariello, "Suspected Thief Arrested For Attempted Rape Of Girl, 15, Months After Bragg Reduced Charges," [New York Post](#), 8/25/22)

New York Post: "Sex Fiend Gets 'Sweet' Deal From Manhattan DA Bragg On Teen Rape Charge — Then Attacks 5 Others: Sources"

(Larry Celona and Gabrielle Fonrouge, "Sex Fiend Gets 'Sweet' Deal From Manhattan DA Bragg On Teen Rape Charge — Then Attacks 5 Others: Sources," [New York Post](#), 9/22/22)

Just Recently, Bragg Dropped Most Of The Charges Against Pro-Palestinian Protestors That Sieged Columbia University's Hamilton Hall

In June 2024, Bragg Dropped Charges For Most Of The Cases Resulting From The Arrests Of Pro-Palestinian Protestors At Columbia University. “Alvin Bragg, the Manhattan district attorney, last week dropped most of the 46 cases against pro-Palestinian demonstrators charged in the April 30 siege of Hamilton Hall at Columbia University because prosecutors had little proof that the cases would stand up at trial.” (Christina Rose Marcus, “Why Bragg Dropped Charges Against Most Columbia Student Protesters,” [The New York Times](#), 6/23/24)

- **Bragg Dropped 31 Of The 46 Cases.** “The district attorney announced the decision to drop 31 of the 46 cases during a court hearing on Thursday.” (Christina Rose Marcus, “Why Bragg Dropped Charges Against Most Columbia Student Protesters,” [The New York Times](#), 6/23/24)

Bragg's Office Also Dismissed Charges Against Nine Students And Staff Members Recently Arrested At City College. “For similar reasons, prosecutors also dismissed charges against nine of the 22 students and staff members at City College who were arrested inside a campus building and charged with burglary during a protest that took place on the same night as the arrests at Hamilton Hall.” (Christina Rose Marcus, “Why Bragg Dropped Charges Against Most Columbia Student Protesters,” [The New York Times](#), 6/23/24)

RATHER THAN PURSUING CRIMINALS, BRAGG HAS FOCUSED ON PROSECUTING GOOD SAMARITANS

Daniel Penny

Bragg Has Attempted To Charge Decorated Marine Veteran Daniel Penny For Manslaughter After He Restrained A Homeless Man Acting Erratically And Then Died

In June 2023, Marine Veteran Daniel Penny Pleaded Not Guilty To Manslaughter And Criminally Negligent Homicide After He Was Indicted By A Grand Jury For The Killing Of A Homeless Man. “The Marine veteran whose choking of a homeless man crystallized New York City's challenges with homelessness, mental health and violence in its subways pleaded not guilty on Wednesday to manslaughter and criminally negligent homicide. The defendant, Daniel Penny, appeared in a Manhattan courtroom after having been indicted by a grand jury this month in the killing of the homeless man, Jordan Neely, in May.” (Jonah E. Bromwich, “Daniel Penny Pleads Not Guilty To Manslaughter Charge In Subway Killing,” [The New York Times](#), 6/28/23)

- **If Penny Is Convicted Of Manslaughter, He Faces Up To 15 Years In Prison.** “If Mr. Penny is convicted of manslaughter, the more serious charge, by a jury, he could face up to 15 years in prison.” (Jonah E. Bromwich, “Daniel Penny Pleads Not Guilty To Manslaughter Charge In Subway Killing,” [The New York Times](#), 6/28/23)

According To A Statement From Alvin Bragg, Penny Was Indicted For Placing A Homeless Man In A Deadly Chokehold That Continued Until After He Stopped Moving. “Daniel Penny stands indicted for manslaughter after allegedly putting Jordan Neely in a deadly chokehold for several minutes until and after he stopped moving,” the district attorney, Alvin L. Bragg, said in a statement. “I hope Mr. Neely's loved ones are on the path toward healing as they continue to mourn this tragic loss.” (Jonah E. Bromwich, “Daniel Penny Pleads Not Guilty To Manslaughter Charge In Subway Killing,” [The New York Times](#), 6/28/23)

Penny Wasn't Immediately Arrested By Police But After Video Surfaced, Public Outcry Mounted. “After the killing, Mr. Penny was interviewed by the police but was not immediately arrested, and an outcry mounted after video was released of the chokehold. Prosecutors working for Mr. Bragg began to investigate and, more than a week later, Mr. Penny surrendered.” (Jonah E. Bromwich, “Daniel Penny Pleads Not Guilty To Manslaughter Charge In Subway Killing,” [The New York Times](#), 6/28/23)

Progressive D.A. Bragg Wants To Use Penny As A “Public Example” After Progressives, Including Rep. Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez, Called For Penny To Be Charged. “Neely's death

led to a demand for prosecution from the usual political suspects, including Congresswoman Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez. Progressives have organized public protests and Neely's family called for Mr. Penny to be charged. Alvin Bragg, the progressive Manhattan D.A. who refuses to prosecute many crimes, has decided this is one case he wants to use as a public example." (Editorial, "Charging Daniel Penny, The Subway Samaritan," [The Wall Street Journal](#), 5/12/23)

Bragg's Actions Will Have A Chilling Effect On Good Samaritans Coming Forward To Help People

Those Familiar With The Case, Worry That Bragg's Actions To Charge Penny Would Dissuade Good Samaritans To Come Forward And Help Others. "Experts are warning that the case against Penny is dissuading other potential good Samaritans from getting involved when they have a choice not to. This as robberies and transit crime continue to climb in the Big Apple – by 5.8% and 6.9%, respectively, so far this year over last, according to the latest NYPD statistics." (Michael Ruiz, "Lawlessness' Continues To Plague NYC Trains As DA Bragg Pushes Manslaughter Case Against Daniel Penny," [Fox News](#), 3/20/24)

Retired NYPD Sergeant And John Hay College Of Criminal Justice Professor Joseph Giacalone: "Alvin Bragg Has Destroyed Anybody's Chance Of Intervening And Helping Somebody." "Alvin Bragg has destroyed anybody's chance of intervening and helping somebody," said Joseph Giacalone, a retired NYPD sergeant and professor at John Jay College of Criminal Justice. "New Yorkers were always trained to mind your own business, but some have gotten involved for moral reasons. But after seeing how cases are handled by the district attorney in Manhattan, specifically, everybody is for themselves at this point, and I don't blame them." (Michael Ruiz, "Lawlessness' Continues To Plague NYC Trains As DA Bragg Pushes Manslaughter Case Against Daniel Penny," [Fox News](#), 3/20/24)

Jose Alba

Bragg Sought To Charge A Bodega Worker With Murder For Defending Himself From An Attacker

In July 2022, Bragg's Office Moved To Dismiss A Murder Charge Against Bodega Worker Jose Alba, Who Fatally Stabbed A Man After He Was Attacked. "Prosecutors in New York City moved to dismiss the murder charge against Jose Alba, a bodega worker who fatally stabbed a man for attacking him earlier this month at a store in Harlem. The Manhattan district attorney's office said in a motion filed Tuesday that it had determined after an investigation that it couldn't prove beyond a reasonable doubt that Mr. Alba wasn't justified in his actions. A group representing bodega owners met last week with District Attorney Alvin Bragg to urge him to drop the charge. According to Fernando Mateo, co-founder of the United Bodegas of America group, Mr. Bragg said he hadn't committed to prosecuting Mr. Alba and that an investigation into the incident was under way." (Talal Ansari, "Murder Charge To Be Dropped Against Bodega Clerk Who Fatally Stabbed Attacker," [The Wall Street Journal](#), 7/19/22)

- **Video Had Shown That Alba Acted In Self-Defense, As His Attacker Came Behind The Convenience Store's Cashier's Desk And Attacked Him.** "Alba's case grabbed national headlines for months after he was charged with second-degree murder for killing Simon, who was seen on surveillance video first coming behind the cashier's desk at the Blue Moon convenience store in Manhattan and attacking him. Despite claiming self-defense, Alba was sent to Riker's Island prison and initially given \$250,000 bail, outraging the city's Dominican community." (Chris Pandolfo, "Ex-Bodega Clerk Jose Alba Sues NYC DA Alvin Bragg For Racial Discrimination After Murder Charges Dropped," [Fox News](#), 9/30/23)
- **Bragg Had Charged Alba With Second-Degree Murder.** "The district attorney, Alvin L. Bragg, charged Mr. Alba with second-degree murder, spurring the city's tabloids — and, eventually, Mayor Eric Adams — to come to the clerk's defense." (Talal Ansari, "Murder Charge To Be Dropped Against Bodega Clerk Who Fatally Stabbed Attacker," [The Wall Street Journal](#), 7/19/22)

Bragg And His Office Was Criticized For Requesting \$500,000 Bail For Alba. "Mr. Bragg and his office were criticized for initially requesting a \$500,000 bail, which prosecutors said they

asked for because Mr. Alba had been planning to leave the country. But Mr. Alba's supporters said that he was defending himself from a younger man who was the aggressor and should not face charges." (Talal Ansari, "Murder Charge To Be Dropped Against Bodega Clerk Who Fatally Stabbed Attacker," [The Wall Street Journal](#), 7/19/22)

New York City Mayor Eric Adams Strongly Defended Alba From Bragg's Charges. "Mr. Adams said Mr. Alba was an example of how 'innocent New Yorkers' should be able to work or go to school in peace without the threat of crime. The mayor on July 7 went to the site of the stabbing and held a news conference strongly supporting Mr. Alba. 'We have enough people who are there for people who break the law,' Mr. Adams said outside the store. 'I'm a person that's there for people who follow the law.'" (Jeffrey C. Mays and Jonah E. Bromwich, "Bodega Clerk Who Fatally Stabbed Man Will Not Face Charges," [The New York Times](#), 7/19/22)

Currently Pending Is A Racial Discrimination Case Alba Has Filed Against Bragg And His Office

In September 2023, Alba Has Filed A Racial Discrimination Suit Against Bragg And His Office. "The New York City bodega clerk who had murder charges dropped after video showed he acted in self-defense is suing District Attorney Alvin Bragg and NYPD for civil rights violations. Jose Alba, an ex-bodega worker who was attacked behind the counter on July 1, 2022, by 35-year-old Austin Simon and his girlfriend, Tina Lee, filed a lawsuit in the Southern District of New York on Friday alleging he was wrongfully prosecuted because of the Manhattan district attorney's 'racial equity' policies. The complaint names Bragg, NYPD Detective William Garcia, and unidentified arresting officers and detectives of the NYPD as defendants in the case." (Chris Pandolfo, "Ex-Bodega Clerk Jose Alba Sues NYC DA Alvin Bragg For Racial Discrimination After Murder Charges Dropped," [Fox News](#), 9/30/23)