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BAIL REFORM

No spike in crime in NJ, report says



Glenn Grant, acting administrative director of New Jersey courts, speaks at a press conference about bail reform in 2016 at the Statehouse in Trenton. Behind him are Carlos Hendricks of the Latino Action Network, left, and Senate President Stephen Sweeney. NICHOLAS PUGLIESE/USA TODAY NETWORK-NEW JERSEY

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When New Jersey overhauled its bail system in 2017 and allowed more people to remain free while awaiting trial, some critics predicted a spike in crime as police were forced to arrest the same individuals over and over.

The bail industry, facing a threat to its bottom line, even seized on one particularly gruesome case — the 2017 killing of a Millville resident allegedly by a man who had been arrested and released under the new law just days earlier — to sue to upend the policy. That lawsuit is pending.

But a new report from the state's Administrative Office of the Courts says that people released under the new system are no more likely to commit a crime while waiting for their trials than those released under the prior system based on money bail.

All the while, New Jersey's pretrial jail population con-

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“Concerns about a possible spike in crime and failures to appear did not materialize.”

Report from the state's Administrative Office of the Courts

Taser threat is alleged in domestic sex assault

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BRIDGETON — The former boyfriend of an Upper Deerfield woman who alleges he repeatedly raped and sodomized her while threatening her with electrical shocks pleaded not guilty at his arraignment hearing in Cumberland County Superior Court on Thursday.

The woman, identified in court testimony and documents only by initials, claims that the abuse occurred and escalated over a period of months late last year. A restraining order forced 38-year-old Leonard J. Zawojski to leave her house in December and led to his arrest in January, according to testimony.

New Jersey State Police in Bridgeton obtained an arrest warrant for the

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State approves \$300 million nuclear bailout

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Worried that New Jersey's nuclear power plant operator would follow through on its threat to shutter the state's nuclear fleet, regulators on Thursday approved \$300 million a year in subsidies for the facilities to be paid through residents' electric bills.

“In my view, the board is being directed to pay ransom and the hostages are the citizens of New Jersey,” said Bob Gordon, a commissioner with the New Jersey Board of Public Utilities, who reluctantly voted for the subsidy.

“We are here today not because these three plants are losing money but because they are not profitable enough,” Gordon said, calling the subsidies an “energy tax.”

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