

Philadelphia Police Will Stop Arresting Criminals in Hopes of Combating Coronavirus. Los Angeles and Cuyahoga County in Ohio Releasing Prisoners on Same Excuse



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The Los Angeles County Sheriff has begun releasing prisoners and is asking officers to refrain from arresting offenders when possible to protect inmates from coronavirus. In addition, up to 300 inmates will be released from the Cuyahoga County Jail in Ohio over the course of the next several weeks due to concerns about the potential spread of the virus. -GEG

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A leaked internal memo said that "if an officer believes that releasing the offender would pose a threat to public safety, the officer will notify a supervisor," who would ultimately make the decision about whether the suspect should be detained.

The Fraternal Order of Police has supported the decision to stop arrests in the crime-ridden city and noted that violent offenders will still be arrested.

"The directive was released to keep officers safe during this public-health crisis," FOP Lodge 5 president, John McNesby, said in a statement obtained by the Philadelphia Inquirer. "Meanwhile, violent offenders will be arrested and processed with the guidance of a police supervisor."

According to neighborhoodscout.com, your chance of becoming a victim of either violent or property crime in Philadelphia was one in 25, before arrests were even halted.

Under the new guidelines, officers from various plain-clothes specialized units will be temporarily reassigned to uniform patrol duties and the "Live Stop" vehicle impoundment program will be suspended until further notice.

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