



Blakeman Calls Out Hochul's Subway Safety Failure After Second Stabbing This Month

Says Hochul's Soft-on-Crime Policies Embolden Criminals

New York, NY — Republican candidate for Governor and Nassau County Executive Bruce Blakeman today called out Governor Kathy Hochul for failing to keep New Yorkers safe after yet another subway stabbing this month.

On Friday evening, a 23-year-old man was stabbed in the back while waiting for a northbound No. 1 train at 96th Street and Broadway. Earlier this month, a 45-year-old man was stabbed from behind inside the Union Square subway station. In both cases, the attackers got away and haven't been caught.

“Criminals know they can get away with violence in Kathy Hochul’s New York,” Blakeman said. “These attacks didn’t just happen; they were allowed to happen because of Hochul’s soft on crime policies. Cashless bail, raise the age, erased criminal records, and soft sentences have created a system where criminals know they can strike again and again without facing real consequences. When people are stabbed in the middle of rush hour, it’s obvious the system is out of control and leadership is failing.”

Blakeman laid out his plan to restore safety to the subways:

- Increase funding for NYPD subway patrols: More officers on trains, platforms, and stations around the clock.
- Work hand-in-hand with police: Ensure city and state law enforcement are coordinated, supported, and empowered to stop violent offenders.
- Hold prosecutors accountable: Remove district attorneys who refuse to enforce the law and pursue violent offenders.
- Repeal cashless bail and raise the age: Give judges the discretion to keep dangerous criminals off the streets and ensure offenders are prosecuted to the fullest extent of the law.
- Target repeat offenders: Use data and intelligence to identify violent criminals and prevent them from returning to the subway system.
- Strengthen punishments: Make sentences for violent crimes tougher to stop the revolving door of repeat offenses.

“New Yorkers shouldn’t have to fear for their lives just to ride the subway to work or school,” Blakeman concluded. “We make the system safe by putting cops on every platform and train, working closely with law enforcement to identify and stop repeat offenders, and making sure criminals face real consequences for their actions. Unlike Kathy Hochul, I will keep our subways safe, and I will restore law and order in New York.”

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