

# Mayor Adams' Statement on Release of Individual Allegedly Involved in Subway Crime and Previous Hate Crime

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**NEW YORK** – New York City Mayor Eric Adams today released the following statement after Frank Abrokwa was released from custody after allegedly smearing a woman with feces, facing charges, being released, being immediately rearrested for a 2021 hate crime, and then being released again:

*“This individual should not be out on the streets of New York and his release shows the scope of changes that we need to make in order to keep New Yorkers safe. It is the result of a failed mental health system, a failed housing and support system, and failing criminal justice laws that allow someone with a history of violence who poses a clear threat to public safety to just walk out of court. We can’t allow this horrific situation to be the status quo and must make changes to our laws to both prevent these sort of attacks, through intervention and support, and, when they happen, to subsequently keep people who are clearly a danger to others off the street.”*