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Several significant **criminal justice laws** were passed during the 2019 Legislative Session. These new laws included **eliminating cash bail** for those arrested of certain felonies and all misdemeanors.

I share the concerns of law enforcement officials and District Attorneys across New York regarding the implementation of cashless bail. Drug dealing is not considered a violent crime

and in many circumstances, drug dealers pedaling opioids and other dangerous substances will be allowed to walk free without bail as they await trial. *Along with drug dealing, there is a long list of crimes that will no longer qualify for bail.*

Offenses that after January 1, 2020 will **no longer qualify for bail** in New York State:

- Aggravated assault upon a person less than 11 years old
- Aggravated cruelty to animals, overdriving, torturing and injuring animals
- Aggravated vehicular homicide
- Arson in the third and fourth degree
- Criminal negligent homicide
- Criminal possession of a weapon on school grounds
- Criminal possession of a weapon in the fourth degree
- Criminal sale of a controlled substance in the first and second degree
- Criminal sale of a controlled substance in or near school grounds
- Criminal sale of a firearm to a minor
- Failure to register as a sex offender
- Grand larceny in the first degree
- Making a terroristic threat
- Manslaughter in the second degree
- Patronizing a person for prostitution in a school zone
- Promoting a sexual performance by a child
- Unlawful imprisonment in the first degree