



Graffiti vandal sentenced to course in 'art' depreciation

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HE boasted he was proud of his "art" in vandalising trains - now John Kampouris can spend 500 hours not appreciating the "artwork" of his fellow spraycan idiots.

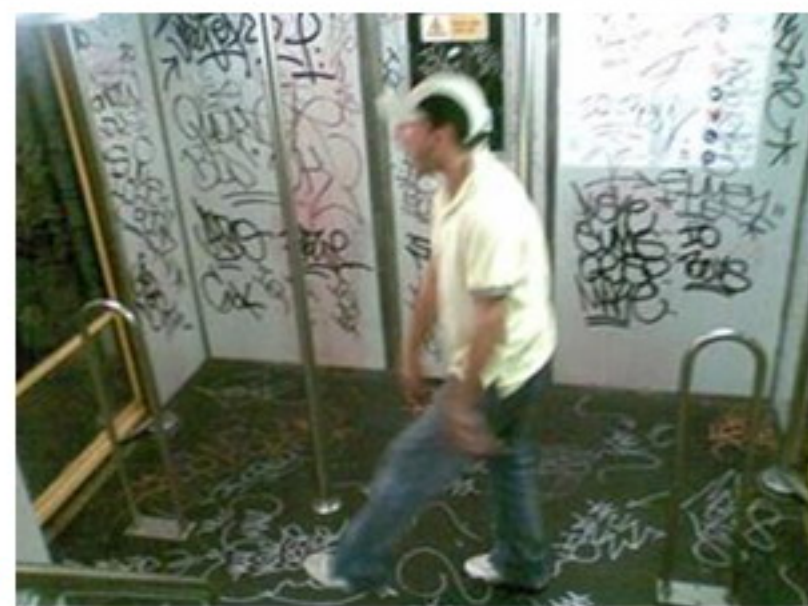
Specifically, appreciating how hard it is to clean off.

The 20-year-old narrowly avoided jail yesterday, instead being ordered to spend the time removing graffiti, after he pleaded guilty to six counts of destroying or damaging property in company.

When officers raided his Forest Lodge home during a sting operation, they found a number of DVDs of Kampouris and his friends filming their handiwork.

This included trains stationed in Inner-West Sydney, as well as the attack on a Sydney Party Bus at Harold Park. The damage resulted in train services being suspended or cancelled and a large amount of money spent on cleaning up, Central Local Court heard yesterday.

Magistrate Allan Moore handed Kampouris an 18 month suspended jail term - warning others that they risked their liberty being caught committing such offences.



Caught out, dude ... train vandal John Kampouris. Source: The Daily Telegraph

"The community is entitled to some protection as best the court can (and sentences must) send a message that offences of this nature are not to be tolerated," he said.

Mr Moore said it could not be suggested "the markings placed on the bus by you were artistic . . . far from it".

He also ordered Kampouris perform a total of 500 hours community service - requesting that he be made to clean up graffiti for the majority of that time.

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