

SWORN STATEMENT NO.31-3

FROM PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY JAIL

We do not have cell phone footage of abuses inside prisons and jails. I am reading the following sworn testimony from a person held in the Prince George's County Jail to lift this veil of secrecy and hold our justice system accountable.

I am currently incarcerated in the Prince George's County Jail in Upper Marlboro.

In medical the nurses checked our vitals and gave us our medications three times per day. They would write down our vitals, but they never asked about symptoms. Sometimes people would tell them about medical issues they were having, but the nurses only ever said, "You have to wait to see the doctor." The doctor only comes every couple of days. And if you were to keep telling the nurses about your symptoms, they would get irritated with you, so you have to be careful. I've noticed that if it's your first time telling the nurses about new symptoms, they'll write them down. But if you keep complaining, they'll just say, "I'm not the doctor," and then ignore you and walk away without writing anything down.

There was a guy in isolation cell 6 while I was in the ten-person cell in medical. He was in that cell for two days. And in that time, he barely even moved. I could see his cell from where I was in the ten-person cell, through the windows. I could see the COs and nurse go in to check on him. All they would do is tap him, and that's it.

When he first came in, he was throwing up. He was throwing up for a good amount of time, maybe twenty to thirty minutes. And then he laid down. And I never saw him move since that point, for two days. When the COs and nurses would go to check on him, I could hear them say, "he's still breathing." But he didn't ever move.

They put a quarantine sign up on his door, a white piece of paper with "quarantine" written in black marker. The whole time I was in the medical unit, I never saw any doctor check on him.

They would try to make him get up to sit in the chair for his vitals and medications, but he never got up, he never moved. Then I guess they thought he was faking his symptoms. Because after two days, they moved him out of the medical unit.

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As soon as they moved the non-responsive guy out of isolation cell 6, they moved another guy with COVID-19 into that cell. I know he had COVID-19 because the jail put a green quarantine slip on his door. I could see this guy coughing a lot.

I haven't had any nurses be outright disrespectful to me. But I did witness an incident.

There was a Hispanic man in our ten-person cell. At one point, the nurse was telling him to sleep, but he was saying that he couldn't sleep. She told him to try reading a book, but he told her he couldn't read any of the books because they were all in English. He asked for a book in Spanish, but she responded, "We speak English here," and then closed the door.