

SWORN STATEMENT NO.47-2

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.

Around the end of March or beginning of April, I tested positive for COVID-19. I had a painful cough and I couldn't breathe. I was in the medical unit for about twenty-two days. There was mucus, urine, feces, and blood on the floors and on the walls. I did not receive any medical treatment.

Around the beginning of May, I got sick again. I started having a lot of blood in my stool and my nose was bleeding. I tried to get help, but no one would take it seriously. I showed the CO all of the blood on some tissues and in the toilet as proof that I was bleeding. He told me there was nothing he could do.

Unless you're dying, they look at you like you're exaggerating.

It was about a week before I got any medical help. Then one night, around 3 or 4 am, I was on the floor with a pain in my side, and one of the COs finally sent me to medical. They sent me to isolation and I was there for three days. It was filthy. There was yellow mucus on the walls and hair everywhere. I had no toothbrush, no toothpaste. Nobody checked on me.

Around June 1st, I started bleeding from my rectum again. Sometimes the blood was red, but sometimes it was black and coagulated. I also started to feel a lump below my rib.

It is getting worse. Now I am just dumping blood from my nose and my rectum. I have been saving the tissues I use when I bleed so that I can show them to people so they will believe me.

When I want to clean my cell, I can only get cleaning products during my rec time. Sometimes they have Spray 9 to use, but sometimes they don't. I usually clean my room with shampoo.

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Back in April, the court ordered me released on home detention. But the people at Pretrial Services [said] that I had to have no symptoms for fourteen days before they could send me home.

As soon as I get out, I need to go to the doctor or the hospital.

I am an evangelical Christian and I believe my faith is keeping me strong. But I am very scared. I don't think they are doing anything to protect us in here.

Even though we are incarcerated, we are still human, not animals. They should just send me back to my country so I can die with my family there. I don't want to die in here.