

SWORN STATEMENT NO.5

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. This testimony was taken in April 2020.

I have not been feeling very well recently. My nose has been stuffy and I can't breathe well. I felt feverish on Monday, but they took my temperature and said it was only 98 degrees. I don't think the temperature scanner is accurate though. I think it reads too low.

Because the temperature scanner showed my temperature was normal, the nurse told me, "you're alright," and wouldn't let me go to medical or get a COVID-19 test. I told them that I need medical attention, and they said there aren't enough beds in medical, it's full over there.

I'm having trouble breathing, but they won't even give me an inhaler. I'm having shortness of breath. I've asked for an inhaler, but the nurse told me she won't give me an inhaler unless I'm having an asthma attack. Even though I have severe asthma, the jail has not appeared to do anything to specially monitor me.

We're still on lockdown for 23 hours per day. Which means I'm on lockdown with my cellmate. He is having symptoms too. He lost his senses of smell and taste, but they still won't even test us. They just make us stay in our small cells together all day.

The Court has authorized my release to Pretrial Services. But I haven't been released yet. My attorney and my family say that they have been calling and calling Pretrial Services, and they've been getting the run-around. It seems like they're not actually reviewing my case.