

SWORN STATEMENT NO.51

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.

The jail moved me from the isolation cell back to housing unit 10. They put me back in a cell with the same cellmate, the guy who gave me Coronavirus initially.

In addition to the two of us, there's another guy who tested positive for Coronavirus. Other inmates have been coming by and asking us whether we got tested again to confirm that we were negative for Coronavirus before being transferred back to H10. And I have to tell them the truth, that I never got re-tested. I'm worried that I'm still contagious. I don't know whether I'm a carrier and could be infecting other people. I'm still having symptoms. I still have a headache, and something is going on with my lungs. My breath is short, and I am having chest and heart pains. Something seems very wrong.

I have told the nurses about my symptoms maybe three or four times since being moved to H10. But they just ignore me. If you don't have a fever, they don't care about you. It's like, "fuck you, if you die, that's just too bad." Excuse my language, but that's really how it is.

I want to be released from the jail so I can check myself into a hospital. I've talked to my grandma, and told her what's been going on. My family has been trying to pull together money in case I get a bond, so that it can be paid and I can go to the hospital. I know something is wrong with my lungs and I want to get x-rays taken of my chest.

Other guys on H10 have been telling me they've had symptoms, but never got tested. They are having the very same symptoms I experienced before I was tested. But the jail isn't trying to hear it. They're not doing anything except testing for fevers. There's guys on here that have headaches, vomiting, chills, no taste or smell, swollen glands.

But they just stay here and suffer in the housing unit.