

# SWORN STATEMENT NO.52

## 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 60 years old. I have been diagnosed with COPD, heart failure and pulmonary hypertension.

They put me in a medical isolation cell. I don't know why. The cell was dirty. There was pee in the corner. There was feces on the walls.

They moved me to another isolation cell. It doesn't have any running water. The only water I got was a little to take my medicine with. I feel bad and I can't breathe. My chest hurts.

Right before they moved me into isolation, the medical isolation cells were full of people with COVID. I tried to clean the room I was going to stay in, but I couldn't get rid of the feces or pee.

When I feel like I can't breathe, I have to bang on the glass to try to get someone. If they come in, it takes at least 15 minutes. Sometimes they just ignore you. I told the morning nurse that I couldn't breathe and she laughed at me.

The daytime nurses call us n---s. They say, "we have to come here and take care of you n---s." They don't have all the medicine I need.

I talked to the head doctor. She said she doesn't think I should be in the isolation cell because there is no ventilation. The doctor said security put me there, and she thought maybe I did something and I'm being punished.

The CO's told me I'm not in this cell because I'm being punished. They said it came from the higher ups.

I really don't want to die in here. The guy in the cell next to me has COVID.