SWORN STATEMENT NO. 33-1
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.

After I got to the jail, a few months ago now, I started to have problems with my physical health. First, I started to have blood in my urine and feces. Then later, I started to also have shortness of breath, headaches, and body aches. I’m still having problems with shortness of breath and blood in my urine.

I’ve had these symptoms for months now, and the jail has not treated me. I think I’ve probably put in about twenty sick calls by now for my symptoms.

About a month ago the nurse told me I just need to drink more water. She didn’t examine me. I’m drinking more water, but it doesn’t take away the symptoms. I know something is wrong with my body. But I can’t get any help for it.

We have intercoms in our cells, but the COs often ignore them. Sometimes you’ll see the COs sitting right there at the desk. You know it’s buzzing, but they don’t respond.

Just two days ago, there were two cellmates on our unit who were really sick. They were spitting up blood and it sounded like things were really bad. We could hear them crying.

When the COs wouldn’t respond, other inmates started banging on cell doors and yelling, trying to get the COs’ attention. None of them seemed to have any urgency.

All of the inmates were yelling and yelling that the guys needed to go to the hospital. But it was almost half an hour before the first guy was taken out of his cell, and then another ten before they took the second guy out. The first guy that they took out was totally unconscious.
The second guy was screaming and screaming as they took him out. And we truly do not know if those two guys are even alive anymore. If you walk by their cell, there is still blood all over everything - the handle, the door, all over the cell.

They just put up some caution tape on the door.