

# SWORN STATEMENT NO.12

## 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 am currently incarcerated at the Prince George's County Jail in Upper Marlboro, Maryland. I contracted the COVID-19 Coronavirus while detained at the jail and have since tested positive.

When my symptoms began on Thursday, I was in a cell with a cellmate. By Friday, my fever was 104.7 degrees. When I went to sick call, the nurse would take my temperature and give me Tylenol. She didn't do anything else.

When I wasn't at sick call, I just laid down. The COs knew I was tired and weak, because every time they buzzed my cell door, they had to keep buzzing it because I couldn't get up in time to open [it]. I told the COs and the nurse that I was afraid I had Coronavirus. I also told my cellmate about my symptoms. I even asked another inmate to call my family for me, because I was so concerned that the nurses kept sending me back with my temperature so high, instead of looking into things further or sending me to the hospital. I asked the medical staff to let me go to the hospital and asked for something to document how high my temperature was. They refused to give me any paperwork or send me to the hospital.

They never provided us with masks or gloves while on the housing unit, nor hand sanitizer or wipes. I was never told to stay six to ten feet away from other people.

On Saturday, I was put in [an] isolation cell in the medical unit, which was not clean. It has feces and blood on the walls. The sink was stopped up, so I couldn't use the water.

I was in the isolation cell for five days before I was even given a washcloth or a toothbrush. The CO told me that I didn't deserve a toothbrush because of the nature of my charges. He said I didn't deserve hygiene supplies. Because of the feces in my cell, I didn't want to eat my food trays in there, and the CO just made fun of me and said I was being a cry-baby.

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There was no way for us to notify someone if we were having an emergency, except to get up and bang on the door and hope that someone could hear you.

Before I left the isolation cell, they made me clean it. They gave me gloves, some spray, and brown paper towels to wipe things down, but it was not a thorough cleaning and there was nothing to clean the germs that are airborne.

All of the germs are still in there.