

SWORN STATEMENT NO.31-1

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 certify under penalty of perjury that the following statement is true and correct:

I am thirty-two years old. I am HIV-positive and take daily medications to manage my HIV. I also have asthma. I take an albuterol inhaler as needed for my asthma.

I told the nurse that I needed my daily HIV medications when I was processed into the jail. I told her that it was very important for my health because, without the medications, my viral loads could increase. The nurse asked me for the name of the medication. She looked it up and told me that the jail didn't have my medication in its inventory. I kept telling the nurses that I needed my medication.

One nurse told me that my family could pick up my prescription at my pharmacy and bring it to the jail. But my family doesn't drive and doesn't have a way to get to Upper Marlboro. So the nurse said she would research it and try to make my correct dosage out of other medications.

I didn't start getting HIV medications until about four days after I was processed into the jail. I am now receiving HIV medicine, but I do not know whether the jail is giving me the correct dosage because I've been having strange symptoms. My body is having problems that it normally doesn't have, which makes me think the jail isn't giving me the right dosage.

I have told jail staff on numerous occasions that, because of my HIV-positive status, I am high-risk for COVID-19. I've told the nurses, and I've told the COs. It doesn't feel like anyone at the jail has really taken it seriously. They act like now that I have HIV medication, they can just keep giving me the meds and I'll be fine. But my immune system isn't strong and I'm vulnerable.

All they say is that they can't do anything for me, I have to go see the doctor. But the doctor doesn't come to the jail every day.