

SWORN STATEMENT NO.54

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.

On May 22, I tested positive for COVID-19.

I was put in the medical isolation cell. There was a guy occupying the cell. He looked sick and unclean, like he hadn't been able to shower for multiple days. Jail staff opened cell door and let him out, and immediately ushered me into the cell.

The isolation cell reeked of urine. There were feces in the corner of the cell and down the corner of the wall. The jail staff did not give me any materials with which to clean my cell.

I spent four days in the isolation cell. During this time, I was unable to shower or call my attorney or my family. I really wanted to talk to my wife and kids to let them know what was going on.

I started experiencing body aches. I did not know that body aches are a symptom of COVID-19. No one at the jail ever told me that they were.

I did not get fresh clothes for 13 days.

After 15 days on I was told that I would be moved back. I was not given a test to confirm that I was negative for COVID-19. They put me back with the same cellie. He is scared because I am not confirmed negative.

They just took an older man off the unit and put him into isolation because he tested positive for COVID-19.