

SWORN STATEMENT NO.55

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 a mother of someone who is currently detained in the Prince George's County Jail.

At the beginning of June, he told me over the telephone that we was very sick. He told me that he was throwing up and that he could not eat, and he had a lot of abdominal pain. He said the staff would not take him to the medical unit.

It seemed that they were under the impression that he was faking his illness.

I called the medical unit repeatedly to tell them about his condition. Nobody answered my calls. Later that day, the Doctor called me to say that my son had been hospitalized and given emergency surgery.

The doctor told me that she would contact me if he was not doing well so if I heard nothing from the doctor it means he was doing fine.

I was able to speak with my son on June 8. He said he was doing okay and that he was trying to get his strength back. He said he had 20 staples in his stomach and that he would be staying in the hospital for a week, maybe longer.

I do not feel comfortable with my son going back to Prince George's County jail. I am concerned for his wellbeing, both that he heals from surgery and that he does not get COVID-19.

I do not feel confident in the medical care at the jail.