

# SWORN STATEMENT NO.9-3

## 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. I contracted the Coronavirus while detained at the jail and have since tested positive for the virus. I have a seizure disease.

When they moved me from medical to housing, they forgot to bring my medication over. So I didn't get my seizure medication on time that night. I couldn't go to sleep, because I didn't feel right without my medication.

The next morning, they gave me my medication that I was supposed to take the night before. They told me I should just take it in the morning instead, but that's not the right schedule for my dosage. I don't feel comfortable when I'm not able to take my medication when I'm supposed to take it, I don't know how that might negatively impact my health.

I do not feel safe. If something were to happen to one of us, I don't know how long it would take to get medical attention. There's a CO in the sally port right now, asleep in his chair. The doctor has still never been down here, and talking to the nurses is like talking to a door knob – you just get no response.

We have call buttons in our cells that buzz and turn on a microphone to get the attention of the CO. But if I were to have a seizure, I wouldn't be able to push the button.

The COs buzz into my cell to ask if I'm alright every hour or so. They do this 24-hours per day, even when you're trying to sleep. In my opinion, this is not an adequate way for the jail to make sure we're safe and healthy. On one hand, if I were to have a seizure, it could still be an hour or more before anyone knew that I needed medical attention. On the other hand, this system interferes with my ability to get restful sleep.

I'm afraid that if I have a seizure in here, no one will hear it and I will die.