

Affidavit of Darnell Singleton

My name is Darnell Singleton. I was detainee in the Cook County Jail until I was released on March 25, 2020.

1. I first resided in Division 2, Dorm 2 of the Cook County Jail. On March 13, 2020, I was moved into Dorm 4 where I resided until my release.
2. In Dorm 2, there were about 40 people housed together. The bunks were about 3 to 4 feet apart. There were 2 shared showers, 3 toilets, and 3 sinks. The dayroom had a few tables and an area to watch television.
3. In Dorm 4, there were about 300 people housed together. The bunks were about 4 to 5 feet apart. There were about 18 shared showers, 18 or 20 toilets, and 5 or 6 sinks. The dayroom had about 10 tables.
4. Dorm 4 was closed before I was moved there. It was filthy when we arrived. There was one large fan blowing the same air around the room with no exhaust.
5. It was impossible to socially distance in both dorms. We were crammed together. There were always people awake and moving around. It was impossible to get away from other people.
6. We received one small bar of soap, toothpaste, and a roll of tissues once a week. The soap did not last long. If you wanted enough soap to wash up, shower, and clean your clothes, you needed to purchase it. We did not receive hand sanitizer.
7. In response to COVID-19, we were moved to Dorm 4 and people were kept separate when they arrived at the jail. On my last day, they moved me to an area of Dorm 4 with fewer people. The officers told us they wanted one person per bunk, with a bunk between each person, but there were too many detainees for that.
8. At first, only a few officers wore gloves and masks. When I left, most were wearing gloves and masks. Detainees did not receive masks, gloves, or other personal protective equipment (PPE). Detainees wore towels and shirts around their faces.
9. I witnessed many people coughing and sneezing, and others with fevers, but the officers did not do anything for them. Only on my last day did they take detainees' temperatures. The officers pulled out 4 people, put masks on them, and took them to Cermak.

I declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct.

April 3, 2020
Chicago, Illinois

s/Darnell Singleton
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