

Artist Statement: 27th Annual Exhibition of Artists in Michigan Prisons

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"Life in Segregation" is an actual experience of being in segregation for me and many others as you have people banging and screaming. Also you are going through caffeine withdrawals. So you have this permanent headache and no sleep from 24hr banging/screaming.

"Drowning Alone" was a night terror I had one time and it freaked me out so bad I had to paint it. And it also speaks to how it can be in here for us. We may be surrounded by 100 people but we are alone in here and we can only get ourselves out.

"Endless Walk" was another dream I had where I was walking down a hall of cells. All the inmates were emaciated and pale from no light and yellow eyes from sickness. I was walking and carrying my property to my cell but never could get to it because the hall never ended. "Bleak Future" was thought of as something fun then turned kind of dark.

I am still working on getting better as I don't know the rules for painting and color theory. So go easy on your judgements please. I went from using my hands to hurt people to trying to create art with them. This has changed my whole outlook in life and made me a better person for this world.

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