

Artist Statement: 26th Annual Exhibition of Art by Michigan Prisoners

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I HAVE COMPLETED OVER 250 PORTRAIT/SKETCHES
OVER THE LAST 22 MOS., MOSTLY AFTER
COVID ARRIVED HERE IN AMERICA.

WHILE THE PRISON'S PUT PROTOCOLS IN
PLACE - OUR VISITORS WERE NOT ALLOWED
SO MANY OF US WERE NOT ABLE TO SEE
OUR FAMILY... THAT'S WHEN I DECIDED TO
DO THESE PORTRAIT/SKETCHES FOR A LOT
OF MY FELLOW INMATES (MOSTLY OF
THEIR CHILDREN, WIVES, AND SIGNIFICANT
OTHER AS A WAY OF CONNECTING ON
A MORE PERSONAL LEVEL.

THESE PORTRAIT'S THAT WERE SENT OUT
BROUGHT SOY TO MANY FAMILY MEMBERS
AND I FEEL BLESSED TO HAVE
BEEN PART OF SENDING SOMETHING
GOOD FROM A PRETTY BAD PLACE.

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