

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

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3 years ago I had zero artistic skill beyond drawing Fantasy maps with stencils, In the spring ~~of~~^{of} 2018 I was sent to the Michigan Reformatory due to another prison closing, once there I found an increased amount of time with nothing to do, luckily I was around other P.C.A.P Alums who encouraged me to take my artwork further and assisted me in developing and improving my technique. Within a year I was able to render portraits in life like realism and have been improving my skill continuously ever since and have been encouraging other artists to take part in the P.C.A.P ART show helping them however I can. I submitted two pieces for Art Selection

1. Wanna Dance with the Devil? is a piece about how so many people in prison think they're the one that can outsmart the odds and be the exception to the rule, with drugs in particular, how they ~~will~~^{will} be the one who doesn't get ~~a~~ addicted, ultimately we all lost.
2. Covid Related^s is simply the most fantastical image I could come up with and the title stems from how every question asked in prison by inmates has received the response of "Covid Related" no matter the subject

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