Artist Statement — 29th Annual Exhibition of Artists in Michigan Prisons

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I've always been a creative person and I've always loved art in almost all of its forms. Before coming to prison, I was a photographer and I loved my craft. However, photography is not an option in prison so when I came here I started drawing again. When I first started picking up a pencil to draw again, I was very out of practice. But I kept practicing and I started improving to the point I was better than I ever was before. I've also tried my hand a colored pencil and acrylic paint and I love both. I have a wide variety of genres of art that I like from classic landscapes to abstract. I get a lot of my inspiration from other artists, books, magazines, television, etc. However, most of my favorite artists are mostly classical like, Leonardo da Vinci, Michelangelo and Raphael. Some of my other favorite artists are Rembrandt, Monet and Van Gogh. My faurite contemporary artist of today is Banksy. I wish to continue improving my art and hopefully someday I'll be almost as good as some of the artists I mentioned. Thank you.