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

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THIS YEAR ALL THE ARTWORK THAT I CREATED HAD A PERSONAL MEANING AND MESSAGE! EVEN THOUGH IVE BEEN LOCKED UP FOR 16 YEARS THIS YEAR ESPECIALLY MY TIME WAS ALWAYS AT THE FORERONT OF MY MIND, WHEREAS I USUALLY DON'T FOCUS ON IT AS MUCH! I DON'T THINK THAT IT IS TRULY UNDERSTOOD HOW COMPLETELY CONSUMING PRISON CAN BE FOR AN INDIVIDUAL! EVEN IF YOU TRY YOUR HARDEST TO FIGHT IT, IN THE END IT ALWAYS CONQUERS YOU IN CERTAIN WAYS. FOR ME PRISON IS NOT ABOUT BEING HERE PHYSICALLY, I'M INCARCERATED MENTALLY AND EMOTIONALLY AND THAT'S THE TRUE MESSAGE BZHIND MY TIME!

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