

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

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This piece, Modern Justice, is a more accurate depiction of what justice is really like for "The People". We have seen that justice is not blind when they look to race, social status, upbringing, and where someone lives to deliver "justice". The Modern Justice is peeking out from under the blind fold to see who they want to sentence and what kind of punishment to give. Michigan is known for being one of the harshest states on punishment and keeping people in prisons the longest with no thought to the fact that prisoners are people who made mistakes and can be rehabilitated. Just punishment! That is why the Modern Justice sword is all chipped and the Seal of Michigan on the guard. If people look, they will see that during elections for judges, prosecutors, Attorney generals, etc, there are more convictions with harsher punishments, unless you have the money to change some minds. That is a part of the reason why money and voter ballots on the scale out weigh the Constitution. Justice is not justice unless it serves everyone equally, and it has not for a very long time! People's trust in Justice is melting away, the hope prisoners have in the justice system is melting away. All most of us want is to go home to our loved ones, rehabilitated, and even that is based on opinion, not proof, and put to a vote!