

Artist Statement — 30<sup>th</sup> Annual Exhibition of Artists in Michigan Prisons

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I JUST TRANSLATED THOUGHTS OF CURRENT STATE INTO  
A DRAWING USING MULTI-MEDIA... PEN PENCIL/COLOR PENCIL... CARTOONISH  
AND OR COMICAL... ALTHOUGH IT ACTUALLY DEPICTED A REAL LIFE SITUATION  
WHICH IS QUITE SERIOUS IN FACT... AND AFFECTS FAR MORE THAN  
THE IMMEDIATE PRISON POPULATION... COMMUNITIES FAR AND WIDE  
SUFFER FROM THE EFFECTS OF THIS STRONGARM COMMERCE...  
THE SAD PART IS... ALL OF THE LOW GRADE PRODUCT PEDDLING  
PROFITEERS... ARE OUT OF STATE VENDORS, BEING ALLOWED TO  
PRICE GOUGE AND EXPLOIT THE CHOICELESS, VOICELESS AND  
HELPLESS & OFTEN HOPELESS PRISONERS OF THIS GREAT STATE

