

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

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I USED TO PRODUCE A LOT OF PAINTINGS FOR MY VETERAN ART PROJECT - DONATING TO VARIOUS VETERAN ORGANIZATIONS, SCHOOLS, ETC.

BUT, OUR FACILITY HAS ELIMINATED OUR ART & MUSIC PROGRAMS. NOW MY WORK IS SEVERELY LIMITED. I STILL CONTINUE TO MANAGE CHARCOAL & GRAPHITE RENDERINGS...

MY EFFORT TO REMAIN PRODUCTIVE!

I'M JUST GRATEFUL TO HAVE FOUND A PURPOSE, SOMETHING USEFUL IN LIFE.