

**Artist Statement: 26th Annual Exhibition of Art by Michigan Prisoners**

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As a 27 year old trans girl, I have learned to express myself through my art in both drawing and writing. I picked these pieces to submit, because I feel they represent me the best. "Breat" because it is undeniably me and my personality. Cute, yet edgy with a slight punk rock vibe. The other, "The Girl Inside", represents my entire life. People see the mask I wore, yet never knowing or seeing "me" the true me. yet the girl inside was always expressed through my work and is how I kept from going ~~insane~~ insane. Now that the mask is off, I am unapologetically me.

Thank you

*Destiny Rae Janelle Russell*

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