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

Artist Name: Anastasia

As an "open" transwoman artist I use art to express the beauty, boldness, tenacity, compassion, and fortitude of the LGBTQ+ community. Living an open and authentic translife in the prison environment is not and has not been easy, but since "coming out" in 2021 my motto has been "Unashamed. Unapologetic." I refuse to back down, back away, or back into the closet to conciliate anyone's prejudices or opinions of how I "should" be, live, or behave. That being said, the pieces I have submitted this year show the strength and courage of a transwoman who openly lives her life in defiance of the norms and status quo of her society. The ferocity and passion of the dragon, the independence and free spirit of the biker, and the strength and courage to kick down doors are all parts of who I am as a transwoman and an artist. Unashamed. Unapologetic. Anastasia

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