

Artist Statement — 30th Annual Exhibition of Artists in Michigan Prisons

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I really love Art. I sometimes lay and stare at tattoos and flash work for several hours. I get stuck sometimes. I really got super interested this January 2025th I used to only tattoo and hated drawing. I wasn't the greatest at creativity and making things look realistic and come to life. But with tattooing I could. Something changed this year and all I do all day is draw, and play my guitar. I've been locked up for 11 years, and I've always thought that it was so sweet when I'd see other inmates do portraits and I always wanted to be able to do it myself. Well my grandmother passed this year and I drew a portrait memorial of her and she rest is history. I'm now doing what I always was attracted to. I see hidden things that artists shade in their drawings that most can't see, I can see and draw in small detail. I can't get enough of Art. Whatever happened this year to set my sight in a new view I am thankful for. I want people to notice the way I shade objects and make you take notice to whatever I want you to see. I'll make you see what I want you to pay attention to. Hopefully my work will catch someones eyes and new doors will open for me. Maybe God will guide my hands and create opportunities for me. My vision is to draw something and it will get just one person to help me get out of prison. I'm in here for the rest of my life, and maybe one of my art pieces one day will get me the \$ to help get a lawyer to get me out of here. Then my career of Art and tattoos can take off. You be smooth and take it 12
EASY.

