

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

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I believe that true art comes from the soul. Deep within the psych. Having served over a quarter of a century of a wrongful conviction, the pain and frustration I have buried deep within would rot and fester, eating me from the inside out if not for the "gift of art". (See Ladi Di; Truth + Justice by Rob Ruff. @bobrufftruth. for full details). The pieces I am submitting all reflect different aspects of the problems I struggle with each moment of my life. From a dream deferred because of a wrongful conviction, to standing tall as a transgendered individual under the Trump administration, to the "Madman's Screams" of a broken heart or two. The materials, colors, style, and topic I work with are all simply just a desperate grasp at any materials available when my soul finds a raging desire to express itself. The spongy could use any material; any color, and any texture. But the messages each piece tells can be felt in any language.