

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

Artist Name: Shane Westbrook

I was a mechanic for 25 years, loved to fix broken things and create and weld missing parts. Making drawings and paintings seems to fill the void of not being able work on cars and trucks.

The painting reflects how i'd like to sit back and relax, enjoying the natural scenes and sounds this earth has we all overlook.

The bike resembles my daily life, work, and any vehicle i had driven or rode to its extreme. All out.

Reapers Edge was emotional, reminding me of home.

Wheres The! put me back at the light house by Silver lake.

I've been doing pencil about 4 years, love the inner details  
Painting for one year now, and love how the night sky looks in purple  
That the Reaper isn't the devil, he is just waiting for your mistake

Just because its broken or missing something, doesn't mean its not ride.

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