

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

Artist Name: JAMartgallery.etsy.com

**Artist Bio**

Jerry Metcalf is a self-taught writer and artist who has spent the past 29 years behind bars. At the age of 20 he tracked down and shot the rapist responsible for the brutal sexual assault of a young teenaged girl. For that deplorable act of vengeful violence Jerry is truly and deeply sorry. He is now a pacifist devoting his life to making the world a better, more-inclusive place where the Arts shine and happiness matters. He is a contributing writer for The Marshall Project, Prison Writers, and the Prison Journalism Project.

If you wish to read some of his writing (fiction, poetry, nonfiction), view or purchase his art, buy one of his books, or listen to his podcast, you may do so by visiting him at [Facebook.com/jerryametcalfjr](https://www.facebook.com/jerryametcalfjr) or [Twitter@JerryMetcalfJr1](https://twitter.com/JerryMetcalfJr1) or [Instagram.com/jerryametcalf\\_artist.writer](https://www.instagram.com/jerryametcalf_artist.writer) or [Jamartgallery.etsy.com](https://www.etsy.com/shop/JAMartgallery) or YouTube Channel: XV3 The Red Zone, Live From the Plantation podcast.

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