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ON SEPTEMBER 27TH, 2010, THE HON. JUDGE POWER SAID, "IF I WERE SENTENCING HIM WITHOUT THIS MANDATORY SENTENCE, I WOULD CERTAINLY ON ONE OF THESE COUNTS GIVE HIM LIFE AS A DEPARTURE AND UNDER SOME OTHER COUNT I WOULD TRY TO GIVE HIM AS LONG OF A PRISON SENTENCE AS I COULD POSSIBLY ARRANGE, BECAUSE HE CANNOT BE LET OUT..."

AT 29 YEARS OLD, I WAS JUDGED AS UNREDEEMABLE. DISPOSABLE. WORTHLESS. IT WAS AN AFFIRMATION TO WHAT I HAD ALREADY FELT AS I WAS CAST INTO A SYSTEM THAT DOESN'T OFFER HELP TO PEOPLE LIKE ME.

ALMOST 15 YEARS INTO A LIFE WITHOUT THE POSSIBILITY OF PAROLE SENTENCE, AND I FIND MYSELF IN COMPLETE DISAGREEMENT WITH HIS WORDS THAT DAY. MY ART AND WRITING HAS PLAYED A BIG PART IN WHOM I'VE BECOME, IT'S IN THESE THINGS THAT I FIND MY VALUE.

I USUALLY DO WORK SEATED DEEPLY IN REALISM, WITHOUT HIDDEN MESSAGES OR SYMBOLISM. SIMPLY SHOWING THE WORLD AS I SEE IT. BUT ONCE IN A WHILE I TRY TO STEP OUTSIDE THESE BOUNDRIES AND ATTEMPT SOMETHING NEW, SOMETHING THAT TELLS A STORY WITHOUT WORDS. SOMETHING THAT SHARES SOMETHING DEEP AND PERSONAL, OR A BIT OF HUMOR.

IT IS MY GOAL TO CONTINUE TO GROW AS A WRITER AND AN ARTIST, EXPLORING NEW WAYS OF TELLING MY STORY.