

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

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Prior to my arrest, I had allowed myself to get caught up in a slew of unsavory activities. The night of my arrest, you could say I had a "come to Jesus" experience. I bowed my knee to the One who can give us true peace and forgiveness and turned my life over to Him as my Lord and Savior. The changes in my heart and mind is what the "Ain't My Bee Havin'", project is intended to give tribute to. This project, made of tag board, lots of glue and painted in acrylics, has taken nearly a year to create and finish. It has two secret hiding places and a light under the honeycomb, so doubles as a night light.

"Good Day Fishin'" takes my mind away from here, to a place I'd rather be. Though I've never been fly-fishing, it looks incredibly peaceful. I'd like to give it a try when I get out of here and enjoy the beauty of Red's creation, as I wade in the water.

"Guardian Gargoyle" was inspired by an article in National Geographic, about the restoration of the Notre Dame Cathedral. It represents the Holy Spirit, actively watching over my life, to keep me from evil, just as the gargoyles on the cathedral were thought to keep away evil spirits. He restores my soul, just as the craftsmen have been restoring the cathedral.

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