

**Artist Statement: 26th Annual Exhibition of Art by Michigan Prisoners**

Artist Name: Ringle

Hello,

I hope that this painting of Rose waiting inspires Artist and non Artist alike. It has been a long journey in life for me, but I have faith in the Lord that everything will be alright in the end. Painting is very therapeutic for me, and gets me through some real rough times.

Society thinks that everyone in prison says they're innocent, but in all reality thats not true. The Lord knows the ones that are innocent and some day everyone will know. All I will say is life is hard at times doing time for something you didn't do, but since I've started painting that time has become more easy, and I would like to thank the University for being a part of this journey by creating "Prison Creative Arts Project". Everyone involved in this program has inspired me to become a better Artists, and has always treated me with the upmost respect. I look forward to this every year. To all the members "Thank You" for your participation. God bless you. Ringle

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