

Artist Statement — 30<sup>th</sup> Annual Exhibition of Artists in Michigan Prisons

Artist Name: \_\_\_\_\_

I CHOSE THE SUBJECTS FOR MY ARTWORK BECAUSE OF THE INFLUENCES OF MY PAST. AS A TEEN, ONE OF MY FAVORITE MUSIC ARTISTS WAS OZZY OSBOURNE. I HAD ALWAYS ENJOYED HIS MUSIC NO MATTER WHAT KIND OF MOOD I WAS IN, OR NO MATTER WHAT WAS GOING ON IN MY LIFE. I WAS EXTREMELY SHOCKED WHEN HE PASSED AWAY THIS YEAR. SO, THAT PICTURE OF HIM IS A TRIBUTE TO HIM.

MY SECOND PIECE, "RACING ENGINE," IS A HUGE PART OF MY LIFE. I HAVE BEEN BUILDING AND WORKING ON RACE CARS AND RACING ENGINES SINCE MY LATE TEENS. THIS PICTURE IS GIVING ME HOPE TO CONTINUE IN THAT WHEN I AM RELEASED.

MY THIRD PIECE, "MY WIFE AND MY DOG AT THE PARK," THIS IS A CHALLENGE FOR ME, THE FIRST ANIMAL I'VE EVER DRAWN. THIS IS A CHRISTMAS PRESENT FOR MY WIFE.