

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

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What you need to know of me? I'm nothing much more than a humble country boy. I love my son, I'm a veteran, and I can't wait to get home. The two pieces I submitted resonate with me on a truly deep level. As a Marine Corp veteran of Iraq and Afghanistan I lost friends during and after the war. I'll always "Remember" them, as should we all. The other piece "Wishing I was Fishing", is the piece I've enjoyed the most doing out of any piece I've ever done. When I first seen the picture and the colors I knew I wanted to do it. Outside of prison fishing has truly been a life's passion to me. I've done it my whole life, and will continue to. I've almost sent this piece home to keep myself several times. But my artwork is a major way I support myself while in prison so my family don't have to. This is why I put such a high price tag on it. It's my best piece ever, if it sells, I'll be happy with the money I get. If not, I'll be happy I get to keep it!

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