

Artist Statement — 30th Annual Exhibition of Artists in Michigan Prisons

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THIS YEAR I STEPPED A LITTLE MORE OUTSIDE MY COMFORT RANGE. I TRIED BOTH USE OF DIFFERENT COLORS AND MEDIUMS. I ALSO USED A RANGE OF DIFFERENT SUBJECTS. I ATTENDED A KERYX WEEKEND WHICH INSPIRED ME TO DO SOMETHING OF A GOTHIC SUBJECT. THE RESULT BECAME THE GARGOYLE CHOAKING ON A FROG, WITH THE FROG REPRESENTING EVIL. I TRIED TO BRING THIS TO THE VIEWER WITH THE USE OF COLORS. MY NEXT PIECE WITH A HAND TOSSING DICE WAS INSPIRED BY A DISCUSSION ON THE YARD ABOUT HOW THE PAROLE BOARD WORKS. HE SAID NO ONE CAN FIGURE OUT THEIR LOGIC IT'S AS IF THEY TOSS SOME DICE AND SEND YOU THE RESULTS, SO I WENT TO MY ROOM AND DREW SOMETHING TO REPRESENT THIS. I ALSO WANTED TO DO A CARTOON STRIP SO I MODELED ONE AFTER OUR DAILY ROUTINE.