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- ARTIST STATEMENT
27TH ANNUAL EXHIBITION OF ARTISTS
IN MICHIGAN PRISONS

I STARTED DRAWING PICTURES AROUND THE AGE OF SIX OR SEVEN. ACCORDING TO MY MOTHER, I WAS ALWAYS LYING AROUND ON THE GROUND IN OUR FRONT YARD DRAWING PICTURES IN THE DIRT WITH A STICK, AND SHE WOULD SAY, "BOY, GET OFF THAT GROUND."

AND SHE SAID THAT I WOULD SOMETIMES FALL ASLEEP THERE ON THE GROUND, WAKE UP AND START DRAWING AGAIN.

I EVENTUALLY STARTED DRAWING WITH A PENCIL ON PAPER. SO THIS IS HOW IT ALL STARTED. AS I GOT OLDER I BECAME MORE INTERESTED IN ART, AND DEVELOPED A PASSION FOR DRAWING AND PAINTING.

I'M ALWAYS IN SEARCH OF INSPIRATION, AT TIMES I FEEL - DRIVEN BY MY IMAGINATION AND CREATIVITY. I ENJOY PAINTING - LANDSCAPES AND DEPICTING BIBLICAL CHARACTERS AND SCENES FROM THE BIBLE. MY FAVORITE ARTISTS AND PAINTERS ARE: REMBRANDT, HENRY O. TANNER, AND BOB ROSS. AS YOU CAN SEE, I LOVE TO USE BRIGHT COLORS. WITH ALL THE CHAOS AND NONSENSE GOING ON IN THE WORLD TODAY, IT'S A GOOD TIME TO CREATE SOMETHING - BEAUTIFUL AND PLEASANT IN THE MIST OF IT.

I'M GRATEFUL TO BE ALLOWED TO SHARE MY WORK (ART) WITH THE PUBLIC AT THIS TIME. AND I THANK EVERYONE FOR COMING OUT AND SUPPORTING THE EXHIBITION. HOPE EVERYONE ENJOY IT.

PEACE AND LOVE TO ALL,

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