

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

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I do artwork as an escape. I do pointalism as it is difficult to do, and it helps to pass the time, and for me, it's therapeutic. I try to choose a concept that I can relate to, and something that I do really like. Whether someone likes, or dislikes a piece done by me, I prefer any kind of reaction. As for me, my artwork is a means for me to communicate my ideas to people who may never know me. Years of abuse, and poverty drove me to crime. Art makes me happy. I do pray your experiences of my art brings you joy as well. I'd like to know how all of you enjoy the art we all do. Let us all know it. I'm sure of it. Most of us are.

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