

Artist Statement 27th Annual Exhibition of Artist in Michigan Prisons.

Understanding the past present and looking to the future I came to understand black men and women was brought over to North America by way of the Atlantic Slave Trade between 1555-1619. The first slaves was recorded in Washington D.C. as being sold. I vision the men getting off this vessel totally dehumanize but with some sense of understanding that (1) They are men (2) That they were not at home and (3) they were strip of their clothes and force to wear cloth next to nothing, exposing their backside as they were chain risk to ankle. Today in 2022 I observe the blackman of America using the dehumanization of their forfarther as a act of endearment by feminizing their physical appearance, Sagging their pants without any consciousness that the health of the slave were determinate by the fat and muscle mass in the buttocks of the slave noting his or her worth or value. For the male slave was also used as the female slave. Therefore, although the chains been taken off the American Blackmen they consciously mimic their oppression while unconscious of their actions. So the chains has been removed from the neck risks and legs but, has not yet been removed from the mind. WRISK