

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

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Even though we're born to die, I am dying to live. That's how I learned the most about this life. I've been stabbed and shot. Knife in the back by a friend "literally"; I'll take a bullet for those I love and I have.

I was born in 86 and I died in "2014". Anything I have done since is with a conscience knowledge that there is levels to existence and that my spiritual body is keeping track. Art to me is like parallel universes in one. A form of freedom using views and beliefs that keep us prisoners. This is the begging to a end. I welcome you on my journey.

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