

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

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Finally, the opportunity to create art once again to be enjoyed in person! Temptation is what I believe the snake and Eve would be dealing with in the "forbidden apple". All that is troubling in our world today is represented within the "forbidden fruit" Covid-19; all that is "wrong" with the "MAGA" movement and racial inequality represented by George Floyd. Mother & Child Reunion is the largest piece of art I've ever created and thanks to Covid my most time consuming. This ink pen work of art ~~is~~ was a year and a half of focused and meticulous effort to bring this piece to life! Quarantine proved to be the perfect opportunity to bring the best out of me!

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