

Artist Statement: 27th Annual Exhibition of Artists in Michigan Prisons

Artist Name: Hello, they call me grumpy bear. In reference to a grumpy bear tattoo my girl gave me prior to incarceration, as well as a state of mind. Hailing from Kalamazoo, Mi, I also lived 15 years in the rocky mountains in Vail Colorado, snowboarding, partying and rubbing shoulders with celebrities and professional athletes. Art for me is a way of life. On the outside it provided monetary sustainability (I tattooed & taught wine & canvas classes at night) and on the inside it's my hustle as well (I do alot of Cards & portraits and pattern work). But It's also something I love to do. Do what you love, right? I hope when people look at my art they realize that talent & creativity can come from all walks of life.

Thank You!

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