Artist Statement: 27th Annual Exhibition of Artists in Michigan Prisons Artist Name: <u>Miguel A. Vidaña</u> Thave alway enjoyed art since I was a young boy. It started With "tagging" my name on school books, desk; homework. etc. Of course it didn't always turned out well and was awarded extra duties because of my art. But I had some amazing teachers that seen potential in me and were super patient. One day when I was doing my awarded duty at school, a teacher gave me a sketch pad so I can stop tagging unauthorized places. It was a block hard covered book with pearl with pages. As I flicked through the pages I can already see my creation in them. But, Ifelt nervous because I knew what was going to be my first drawing, which I been withholding for some time. It like the art gods knew it was time for this piece to be created. My heart was racing, I locked around to see if anybody no ficed my uneasiness. To be continued. Please edit your Artist Statement to fit the space provided.

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