

There is no doubt many will ask why a Death Row Prisoner would build an airplane out of scrap cardboard.

First, it's never been done before on Tennessee's Death Row, or from my knowledge in any Maximum Security Prison. So that was one reason.

Second, it had to be related to a Death Row Prisoner's outlook. In order to accomplish that, it required an example of what prisoners consider. In this case, the lime green rushing into our veins and then giving the sensation we are on fire. The nose of the plane represents the lethal dose of poison catching our body on fire internally. Being burned from the inside out... flames leaping out.

The Music Box hooked to the propeller is how gently the public is rocked to sleep so they buy in to the killing of humans by

State sanctioned Murder. It's done in such a kind and caring way... with soft velvet gloves. And that makes it okay. Imagine telling or explaining to a child that Murder is okay if it's done according to the law and supported by public opinion. Imagine their little faces and then imagine it's their father or mother on Death Row trying to explain this.

It's simple, nothing good can be born out of a life for a life, except more victims. No closure can come from it, and no amount of good intentions can repay the cycle of loss created.

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