

"What Am I Going to Do With You?"

After my 1st DWI, I created this piece while struggling with the inner turmoil of addiction. The feelings of regret, fear, pain, and disbelief were filling my whole being and I attempted to release them by creating this self portrait. The story of the title is a very meaningful one to me. After my arrest I had to speak with my employer as I would need help with transportation to continue working for her. I remember vividly how shaky and tearful I was picking up the phone. I blurted out what I had done, choking back the sobs that threatened to steal my voice and my resolve. I will never forget the moment of her response. With complete love and devoid of any judgement, she spoke these words, "Oh Leo, what am I going to do with you?" I have never felt such love and compassion in a single phrase.

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