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Artist Statement

Title: *Post Card*

This paper collage was first created as a postcard sent to a local politician after the Israeli army's killing of a Palestinian man named Jamal Hamdi Hassan Ashour (62). The father of five was deliberately run over in Gaza City's Al-Zaytoun neighborhood on February 20th 2024. The toll of genocide on the Palestinian diaspora, their children, and their children's children will undoubtedly manifest as thousands of people struggling with substance abuse and mental health issues. This iteration of the postcard is addressed to the recovery community who must be there to meet their needs. The candle represents the light of our hope and service to those affected by addiction, that they may see it and find their way to recovery.