

Cigarettes and Candy: Some Winter 2021 Exhibitions in Dallas and San Antonio

by William Sarradet
February 20, 2021

DALLAS: Jeremiah Onifadé: *surreal figures*, at SITE131,
January 9–March 27, 2021



Jeremiah Onifadé, *Speaking of Which*, 2019, acrylic on canvas



Jeremiah Onifadé, *Leventis (Detail)*, 2019, acrylic on canvas



Jeremiah Onifadé, *A Visit to State Camp*, 2020, acrylic on canvas

Read the titles of Onifadé's cartoon stills, and they feel not-fictional. *A Visit to State Camp* depicts the candies that soldiers would hand out to children in placation during the heavy military presence in the artist's native Nigeria. What's fantastical about them is the squinty character he's created, pinched at the neck and limbs, with a radio frequency bouncing through it.