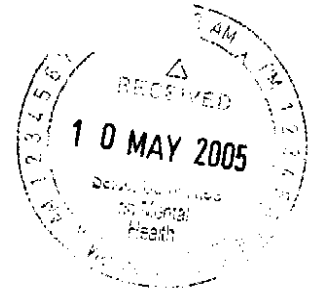


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Dear Sir/Madam

I am so angry that I could die. Literally.

Rene Rivkin died of bi-polar affective disorder. Suicide was the coup de grace. Aids patient's deaths from respiratory failure or different kinds of cancer or other diseases are called Aids. Total or specific organ failure is called Cancer. My point is manifestly obvious.

There is a prejudice against the mentally ill. Society especially the media do not accept that one dies of mental illness.

Schizophrenia sufferers can be shot by the police who have watched "Kill Bill" once too often. In a recent case a sword across the room was seen as a threat. A sword across the room is dangerous. There is a remote chance that a police person in such circumstances could be killed. A gunshot is much more predictable.

Bang you're dead!

I think the police hierarchies call it "voluntary homicide" to assuage the consciences of their murderers.

Bigotry I call it. But I am a voice in the wilderness. If our families and friends knew precisely that we bi-polar people are ill with a possibly fatal illness would they not try to understand, to help more?

Consider.

Yours truly,

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(I know I'm late but hey I've not been well -sorry)