

“I sit out here on the corner all day with my back against the wall, but I can’t ask people for money. I tried it one day and just started crying; I just can’t do it. I have that pride in me that I just can’t seem to swallow. I wonder what my niece and nephew would think of Uncle John if they saw him like this. I stopped speaking to my family since I’ve been on the streets; I can’t handle having to talk to them.”

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“A mom pulled up to the light with her kid, and I hear, ‘Mommy look!’ ‘Don’t look at him!’ she said. Everybody’s got issues, and we all have feelings, we don’t need to always be looked down upon. We’re just homeless. I’m not looking to make friends or anything. I’m just trying to survive.”



Homeless individuals are over 430 times more likely to commit suicide than the general population, with a study finding 5.8% of homeless individuals ending their lives via suicide compared to the general population’s rate of .013%.¹⁵



“How much lower can you get than this? When I was in the psych ward, they asked me if I was suicidal. Yeah, I want to blow my fucking head off. If there were a 9mm sitting on the counter, I would’ve locked and loaded and blown my fucking head off. This is a dark place to be where you are surrounded by people but still feel alone.”