

# ROBERT BLAKE: I WISH I WAS DEAD

A TRIPLE whammy of disaster has turned Robert Blake into a raving, suicidal maniac, say sources.

"I wish I was f#%&ing dead!" Blake wailed to a pal during an emotional jailhouse visit. "I'm no use to anyone in this world. I wish I could just do away with myself."

He then broke into loud, heaving sobs and cried for a good five minutes, reveals the pal of the 69-year-old actor, who stands accused of brutally murdering his 44-year-old wife, Bonny Lee Bakley, May 4, 2001.

Blake's outburst came in the wake of three catastrophic blows:

- He cut a TV deal to tell his story, but it prompted his defense lawyer Harland Braun to announce he was quitting the case.

- The California Supreme Court upheld a decision to deny him bail while he awaits trial.

- A wrongful death suit was filed against him by Bakley's four children - including 2-year-old Rose, Blake's own daughter.

"Harland quitting was devastating to him," explains his pal.

"Going on TV was something Bobby felt very strongly about and the one guy he thought he

could count on let him down."

But the worse was yet to come. The Supreme Court's decision two weeks later was a torturous turn of events for the disgraced star.

"Being denied bail was an even bigger blow," the pal confides. "Bobby could only bear being locked up because he thought it was temporary. Now he's like a wild caged animal, pacing back and forth, getting more and more worked up

until he just collapses and starts sobbing."

The civil lawsuit, which won't start until the criminal case is finished, was the final straw.

"Bonny's heirs filing suit against Bobby really got to him because it's

hitting him where it hurts the most - in his pocket-book," the pal notes. "The thought of his hard-earned dough going to Bonny's family literally makes him crazy."

Blake, who has been in the Men's Central Jail in Los Angeles since his April 18 arrest, sees little hope for the future, according to his friend.

"He just imagines himself slowly rotting in a jail cell," says the pal. "For a free spirit like Bobby, that's really tough to take."

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Blake is more depressed than ever as he awaits trial