Suicide PSA
by Mark S. Meritt

Sound	**Image**
MUSIC: “John Nineteen:Forty-One” from *Jesus Christ Superstar*	Darkness. FADE IN
VOICEOVER: Poverty, famine.	Bread and wine with empty bottle on table, left over after meal.
VOICEOVER: Unemployment, economic recession.	PAN: Bills, coins, checkbook on table.
VOICEOVER: Overflowing landfills.	PAN: Fallen garbage can with more bills, garbage strewn about.
VOICEOVER: Pollution.	PAN: More garbage strewn, smoke which we realize comes from
VOICEOVER: Global warming, depletion of natural resources.	PAN: A fireplace, with a small fire and one lone log outside, gun on mantle.
VOICEOVER: An inadequate educational system.	PAN: Textbooks...
VOICEOVER: Getting closed out of classes.	... one of which is in the hands of a FORLORN PERSON at a window, zoning out.
VOICEOVER: Traffic.	ZOOM IN slowly, PERSON looks out window.
VOICEOVER: Long lines at the bank and the supermarket.	ZOOM - PERSON zones out.
VOICEOVER: These apparently unsolvable problems are mere symptoms of humankind's greatest affliction.	ZOOM - PERSON looks toward fire place.
VOICEOVER: Overpopulation.	CUT TO gun on mantle
VOICEOVER: There are simply far too many of us for this planet to hold.	CUT TO PERSON - PAN to follow PERSON to follow person to fireplace.
VOICEOVER: And it shows no signs of letting up.	CLOSE UP: PERSON grabs gun, walks away.

VOICEOVER: We all have good reason to be very upset.	LONG SHOT - PAN: PERSON walks to hall.
VOICEOVER: But if these problems are getting you depressed, there is something you can do about it.	PERSON disappears into a doorway, slams it shut.
GUNSHOT. Silence	Empty hallway, open door.
VOICEOVER: Suicide. We could use the room.	TITLE: Suicide. We could use the room.