



We begin tonight with **breaking news** at the West, the **sudden death** of Robin Williams. The marine county sheriff's office in California says the comedian and Academy award-winning actor **was found** dead at his home there today - apparently a **suicide**. Williams' spokesman said he had been battling depression. Williams was 63 years old. (...)

It was just before **noon** today that **emergency responders** were called at Robin Williams' home – just across the bay from San Francisco. Williams was found **unconscious** and not **breathing** – pronounced **dead** at the scene. While the investigation is not complete, a statement from the county sheriff's department says the **coroner** suspects the death to be a **suicide** due to **asphyxia**. The comedian's press representative said the actor has been battling **severe depression**. His wife said that the world has lost one of the most beloved artists and beautiful **human beings**.

Williams **rose to fame** in 1978 as an alien in a TV show. (...) He won an **Oscar** as best supporting actor for his role in "Goodwill hunting". "You're just a kid, you don't have the faintest idea what you're talking about".

He appeared on CBS in an interview just after his **heart surgery**. (...) But recently on CBS Sunday morning, Williams spoke of **mortality**. Williams made it so easy for others to **laugh** but could **struggle** himself to find **happiness**. Earlier this summer he was reported to have checked himself into a **rehab centre**. In a statement, his family said, the **focus** should not be on Robin's death but on the **countless** moments of joy and **laughter** he gave to millions.



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is **fighting a battle** you
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