

Steve Rude is an icon. An artist's artist. He's admired by professionals, amateurs and fans alike. What's more he has gained this respect without self-promotion as it is based on his artistic ability alone. Unfortunately, few have had the personal troubles that Rude has been dealing with most of his adult life. Steve Rude has long battled with severe depression and has admitted to being suicidal on occasion. His condition has been cited as the main reason his work has never solidly broken into the mainstream publications and why he has always remained on the fringe. As of Wednesday morning Rude has been released on bail for an altercation with his neighbors which resulted in an assault charge for the Nexus illustrator. As insult to injury, bail was made by an online appeal to friends and fans and by slashing the prices on Rude's artwork online. This is one of a few instances

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