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Corrected Press Release
Charges Will not be Filed in August 2010 Stabbing Incident

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Shasta County District Attorney Stephen Carlton has declined to file charges against Ronald Halladey in the August 2, 2010 stabbing of Clarence Thompson at a homeless encampment in Redding.

Halladey turned himself in to Redding Police shortly after the incident and told investigators that he stabbed Thompson in self-defense after an angry intoxicated Thompson had assaulted him at his campsite near the ACID canal.

After an extensive investigation conducted by Redding Police, prosecutors have concluded that Halladey's claim of self-defense is supported by the available evidence.

Witnesses told police that Thompson had been drinking throughout the day and was angry at Halladey after Halladey had refused to give Thompson's girlfriend a cigarette. Thompson went to Halladey's nearby campsite to confront him.

Halladey told investigators Thompson threatened to assault him. Halladey said he was afraid of Thompson because he was aware that Thompson had been to prison. Halladey said he armed himself with a kitchen knife and a meat cleaver and told Thompson he would defend himself if attacked. When Thompson tried to punch him, Halladey said he stabbed Thompson with the knife. There were no eyewitnesses.

Thompson died a short time later from a stab wound to the abdomen. An autopsy showed two stab wounds to Thompson's lower left torso, one a shallow superficial wound and the second fatal wound to the abdomen.

When a claim of self-defense is made prosecutors must be able to prove beyond a reasonable doubt that the claim is untrue.