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REDDING MAN FACING LIFE FOR SECOND DEGREE MURDER

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A Redding man pled no contest today to second degree murder in connection with the stabbing death of a homeless man on September 5, 2011. Deklyn Dean Bishop, age 22, will be sentenced January 2nd to an indeterminate sentence of 16 years-to-life.

Redding Police were called to the scene on Charles Drive at 2:03 in the afternoon on September 5, 2011. They found the body of the victim, 50 year-old Randy Loard, lying in the street. Loard had been stabbed and his throat was cut. Investigators determined that Loard had been living in an encampment at the end of Charles Drive near the crime scene. Investigators quickly identified Deklyn Bishop as a person that lived in the area who had confronted Loard at his camp three weeks earlier, demanding that he move. Bishop was arrested the day after the murder and admitted killing Loard after returning to his camp. He told investigators the second confrontation escalated into a fight and said he killed Loard with the victim's own knife. He admitted burying the knife in the nearby field where it was later discovered.

The case was investigated by Redding Police Investigator Will Williams and is being prosecuted by Chief Deputy District Attorney Brian Popkes.