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**REDDING MAN SENTENCED TO LIFE FOR SECOND DEGREE
MURDER**

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A Redding man was sentenced today to 16 years-to-life in prison for the second degree murder of a homeless man. Deklyn Dean Bishop, age 22, was convicted of the stabbing death of 50 year-old Randy Loard on September 5, 2011.

Redding Police were called to the scene on Charles Drive at 2:03 in the afternoon on September 5, 2001. They found the body of the victim 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.