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Chico Man Arraigned on Murder Charges for Comanche Creek Stabbing

Jedidiah Wright, 29, of Chico was arraigned in Butte County Superior Court this afternoon for the August 1, 2021 murder of John Snowberger, 46, of Chico. Wright and Snoberger were both living in the homeless encampment in the Comanche Creek area of Chico. It is alleged Wright stabbed Snoberger with a knife in the chest. Snoberger later died of his injuries.

Wright was found approximately one block away from the crime scene within minutes of Chico police officers' arrival and was identified as the stabbing suspect. Investigation revealed Wright had confronted Snoberger regarding a prior fight that Snoberger had engaged in with another homeless individual in the encampment the day before.

Comanche Creek is a large narrow portion of South Chico, which is occupied by several hundred homeless individuals who have set up a large encampment of tents, parked cars, trailers and campers that are used as shelters.

Wright will next appear in court on Thursday, August 5, 2021 to enter a plea to the charge of Murder. He is currently in custody at the Butte County Jail with bail set at \$1 million.