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**S2520 SAMARITAN: THE MITCH SNYDER STORY (USA, 1986)**

**[TV]**

(Other titles: The Mitch Snyder story)

**Credits:** director, Richard T. Heffron ; writer, Clifford Campion.

**Cast:** Martin Sheen, Cicely Tyson, Roxanne Hart, Joe Seneca.

**Summary:** Melodrama set in contemporary Washington, D.C. Tells the story of homeless activist Mitch Snyder and his various attempts (including a hunger strike) to enlist government support for homeless shelters. One of the featured homeless men (Boyd) is an unemployed Vietnam vet who left his family so they could obtain welfare.

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