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Reshuffling at SF crime lab amid drug probe

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(03-19) 15:57 PDT San Francisco, CA (AP) --

San Francisco police are temporarily changing leadership at its crime laboratory as the investigation continues into alleged mishandling of drug evidence.



Police Chief George Gascon said Friday that assistant lab chief Jeff Godown will take over oversight of lab investigations in place of James Mudge. Ingleside Station Capt. David Lazar also has been assigned to replace lab commanding officer Capt. John Goldberg.

The changes are expected to last three to six months.

Troubles at the lab surfaced last week after allegations surfaced that longtime technician Deborah Madden stole cocaine evidence. Madden has not been arrested or charged.

The investigation has halted drug testing at the lab, and prosecutors also have been forced to dismiss 210 drug cases until evidence can be properly tested.

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