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“His office hid evidence or just made things up.”

SF GATE: San Francisco prosecutor fired after being accused of hiding evidence
(December 7, 2017)

“Adachi said Mains withheld potentially exculpatory DNA evidence from the public defender’s office in two cases, and in two other cases didn’t turn over other forms of evidence, including police body-camera footage and witness interviews. San Francisco Public Defender Jeff Adachi filed a complaint with the State Bar of California in June and called for a state criminal investigation into what he called Mains’ ‘unethical behavior.’ After Adachi went public with the allegations in September, District Attorney George Gascón filed a complaint against Adachi with the State Bar, alleging that his rival violated a state code that requires disciplinary investigations to be confidential. Adachi, though, said he had a First Amendment right to disclose the allegations, and had gone to the media only after trying to resolve the issue with Gascón. The district attorney’s office declined to comment about the complaint, which Adachi said had been dismissed.”

<https://www.sfgate.com/news/article/San-Francisco-prosecutor-fired-after-being-12414318.php>

San Francisco Chronicle: Gascón must turn over police DNA memo
(October 29, 2011)

A state appeals court ordered San Francisco prosecutors Friday to turn over a potentially damning memo about the Police Department's DNA lab, rejecting arguments that the document was protected from disclosure as a confidential work product. The First District Court of Appeal in San Francisco ruled 3-0 that District Attorney George Gascón had to turn over the memo and other documents to attorneys for James Mayfield, who has been charged in a cold-case murder and rape from 1976 based on DNA evidence. Tony Tamburello, an attorney who represented one of the men, said police investigators had asked Boland to compare the two suspects' DNA to genetic material on the grips of the bicycles. Boland made the matches but did not try to identify the source of what she called a separate "major DNA profile" on one grip. After the jury acquitted, Tamburello complained to then-Police Chief Gascón and Harris.

<https://www.pressreader.com/usa/san-francisco-chronicle/20111029/283244504751689>

“He was caught charging innocent people with crimes”

SF GATE: Adachi: San Francisco prosecutor repeatedly hid evidence
(September 8, 2017)

A San Francisco prosecutor improperly withheld evidence that could have aided the defense in at least three criminal cases, city Public Defender Jeff Adachi said Thursday. According to court documents, DNA testing was done in April 2016 on a pair of gloves left behind during a residential burglary in which a man named Roderick Bass was charged with stealing a laptop computer. The DNA test excluded Bass as the contributor of genetic material found on the inside of the gloves, which matched another man who was in a nationwide DNA database for a theft-related crime, Adachi said. He said Sinha did not receive the evidence until April 2017, when a new prosecutor was assigned to the case. “During the time that the DNA discovery had been withheld by Mains, negotiations to settle the case were ongoing,” Adachi wrote in a letter to the State Bar and to the state attorney general’s office. “Had Bass accepted a plea deal, the exculpatory DNA reports would never have come to light.” Bass was convicted of receiving stolen property and sentenced to treatment in a special court for military veterans.

<https://www.sfgate.com/crime/article/Adachi-San-Francisco-prosecutor-repeatedly-hid-12181360.php>



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San Francisco Chronicle: Race, class collide in prosecution of cell phone theft (August 15, 2016)

“Cell phone theft is among San Francisco's most common street crimes, but the victim in this case, a city official, was far from ordinary. As was one of the charges brought against the suspect, LaSonya Wells - a longtime city resident who's spent her life battling homelessness, domestic violence and addiction between stints of incarceration. **The district attorney's office would charge the 40-year-old African American woman with kidnapping for ransom, an allegation that could have sent her to prison for life. But the decision by the office of District Attorney George Gascón to bring the kidnapping charge at all is seen by some, including Public Defender Jeff Adachi, as absurd and unfair. ‘Like thousands of San Franciscans who have had their phones snatched, it's upsetting - but it's not the crime of the century,’ Adachi said. “To see an otherwise ordinary case suddenly be elevated to life in prison is positively medieval. The fact that the D.A. was willing to have a low-level, nonviolent woman die in prison is extremely troubling.”**

<https://www.sfchronicle.com/bayarea/article/Critics-see-overreach-in-prosecuting-Scott-9142329.php>

“Even concocted phony crime statistics to cover up his incompetence”

San Francisco Chronicle: Facts back Gascón's foe on unsolved cases (November 3, 2011)

“In district attorney candidate forums, campaign literature and a press conference, Sharmin Bock, an Alameda County deputy district attorney running for top prosecutor in San Francisco, has consistently thrown out some alarming figures. San Francisco, she has repeated, has more than 1,000 unsolved murders and more than 900 unsolved rapes. **“She must be going back to the 1940s, the 1920s,” District Attorney George Gascón said when first asked about the statistics by The Chronicle. But it turns out Bock is right. The numbers were gleaned from a grant application last year from the Police Department to the U.S. Department of Justice seeking funding for the DNA division of its troubled crime lab - and signed off on by then-Police Chief Gascón. Gascón said he simply forgot about the grant application and that clearing violent crimes is of utmost importance. But his challengers say it's one more example of a district attorney who keeps hidden politically sensitive information at the public's expense.”**

<https://www.sfgate.com/crime/article/Facts-back-Bock-claim-about-unsolved-SF-homicides-2324722.php>

Gascon's 2014 San Francisco District Attorney's Office 2014 Annual Report Claims 24% Decrease in violent crime; it's untrue.

As part of San Francisco DA George Gascon's 2014 Annual Report for the Office of the District Attorney, he claims a “24% overall reduction in violent crime.” That's untrue. According to the California Department of Justice, San Francisco had 6,822 violent crimes in 2014, compared to 7,164 violent crimes in 2013, the year prior. This represents a 4.77% decrease. And in looking at Gascon's total track record at that time, violent crime **actually increased in San Francisco by 24.83% since taking office in 2011** (up from 5,465 crimes in 2011 to 6,822 in 2014). Further, even the 4.77% reduction only came after a severe hike in violent crime in 2013 (7,164 violent crimes), which was the highest annual total of violent crimes between 2009 to 2018).

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