

Police Chief Resigns Over Wiretapping

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HOUSTON, June 28 (AP)—

Police Chief Carrel Lynn, whose department has been under fire for alleged illegal wiretapping, has resigned.

Lynn said Friday he could not be effective because of the controversy surrounding wiretap investigations of the Houston Police Department, and so had decided to resume his former post as deputy chief.

Deputy Chief Joe Clark will become acting police chief, Mayor Fred Hofheinz' office said.

Two former Houston police officers pleaded guilty Wednesday to placing illegal wiretaps on two residential telephones in 1971 and 1972. And the police department has been the object of a widespread probe by a federal grand jury looking into allegations of wiretaps.

Lynn told reporters his resignation was not founded on the fact that at least two candidates for mayor in Houston's general elections next November had said they would relieve him should they be elected.