

## **M'GOWAN IS DEMOTED; WAS ON DRUKMAN CASE**

**Acting Captain Removed From  
Homicide Squad Command—  
Reduced to Lieutenant.**

Acting Captain John J. McGowan, who has been in charge of the Brooklyn homicide squad for the past five years, was demoted to the grade of lieutenant yesterday and transferred to uniformed duty in the Tenth Inspection Division embracing the Bath Beach, Coney Island and Sheepshead Bay sections of Brooklyn.

Lieutenant George Gallagher of the Twelfth Inspection Division in Brooklyn, formerly a sergeant in the Manhattan homicide squad, succeeded McGowan.

Although no reason for the transfer was given by the department, it was recalled that McGowan, who will lose about \$500 a year in pay as a result of the order, was one of the principal police officials in the investigation of the Drukman murder case in Brooklyn.

McGowan also testified before the extraordinary grand jury that investigated reports of police bribery in the Drukman case, and was present at the recent hearings in Albany at which Governor Lehman exonerated William F. X. Geoghan, District Attorney, of negligence in the case. The Police Commissioner sought McGowan's aid at the hearing in clearing up police records that the defense charged had been altered.

McGowan, who lives at 638 Eightieth Street, Brooklyn, is on vacation. He joined the force in 1912. Four years ago he was officially commended by Commissioner Mulrooney for his work in solving a gang killing.