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CHASE, KANSAS POLICE CHIEF JOHN GRUBB TO APPEAR FRIDAY ON
ABC-TV'S "GOOD MORNING AMERICA" -- WILL EXPLAIN ROLE IN MEXICAN
ADOPTION SCAM INVESTIGATION ON MORNING BEFORE DOLE HEARING

WASHINGTON -- Kansas Senator Bob Dole today announced that a star Kansas witness at his upcoming adoption hearing will be a guest on Friday morning's "Good Morning America" television show.

Chase, Kansas Police Chief John Grubb, who will testify later that morning before Senator Dole's Judiciary Committee hearing on adoption fraud, will appear on the ABC show with a swindled couple to answer questions about his role in the crackdown on a nationwide adoption scam that may have bilked couples out of hundreds of thousands of dollars.

Chief Grubb began to look into the matter after a Chase couple came to him for help. Grubb researched the problem and found that the alleged "Mexican Adoption Scam" had touched more than twenty states and that the persons alleged to be the perpetrators had yet to be brought to trial. Kansas Attorney General Bob Stephan had begun an investigation into the matter, and the State of Iowa had obtained a temporary injunction over the people believed to be involved, but there appeared to be a lack of coordination at the national level.

In January of this year, Grubb called Senator Dole's Washington office to ask for assistance. Senator Dole was in Topeka but flew to Hutchinson to meet with the Police Chief. Dole ordered his Washington office to look into the matter and considered the possibility of federal intervention.

On February 3, Senator Dole introduced the "Anti-Fraudulent Adoption Practices Act," designed to protect prospective parents and children in their dealings with interstate adoption agencies. The bill does not prohibit or discourage legitimate independent adoptions. Cosponsors include Senators Jeremiah Denton (D-AL), Charles Grassley (R-IA), Lloyd Bentsen (D-TX), Orrin Hatch (R-UT), Jake Garn (R-UT), Roger Jepsen (R-IA), and Walter D. Huddleston (D-KY).

The Senate Judiciary Committee hearing will be held at
10:00 a.m., Friday, March 16, in Room 325, Russell Senate Office
Building.

Other witnesses include Kansas Attorney General Bob Stephan; Rep. Pat Roberts (R-KS); couples from Iowa and Kansas who fell prey to the scam; Ms. Louise Pittman, Alabama Bureau of Family and Children Services; Margaret O'Shea, a reporter with The State, a newspaper in Columbia, South Carolina; representatives from the Federal Bureau of Investigation, the Immigration and Naturalization Service, and the State Department.