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WILL JOHNS
CHIEF OF POLICE
KANSAS CITY, KANSAS

Will Johns will testify that he has been Chief of Police in Kansas City, Kansas for nine years. Prior to that he was investigator for Kansas State Attorney General thirteen years. Prior to that was Chief of Police at Lawrence, Kansas five years; prior was sheriff at Lawrence.

In 1935 or 1936 Johns claims that he raided State Line Club, but had the case thrown out because gambling was allegedly in Missouri. Subsequently has raided club with the same results. Several years past had survey made jointly by Kansas City, Kansas and Kansas City, Missouri engineers. Chief claims this survey showed not enough of the club in Kansas to hold gambling operation. He will produce map of this survey and his tax returns at hearing. Claims to have no income other than income of \$4800 per annum, plus \$25.00 monthly rental from small house.

In 1944 crap game at 3rd & Minnesota, Kansas City, Kansas was bombed. Chief Johns gave orders to get the Italians out of Kansas City, Kansas and closed up the games at that time. Later reopened at 18th and Merriam Blvd. and 7 Southwest Blvd. on James Street.

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