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Stefanski v. Saginaw County 911 Communications Center Authority

Supreme Court of Michigan - April 14, 2025 - N.W.3d - 2025 WL 1107897

Former employee of county 911 communications center brought action against center, alleging unlawful retaliation in violation of Whistleblowers' Protection Act (WPA) for reporting supervisor's gross negligence in handling of 911 call that resulted in victim's death.

The Circuit Court granted center's motion for summary disposition, and employee appealed. The Court of Appeals affirmed. Leave to appeal was granted.

The Supreme Court held that:

- As matter of first impression, word "law," as used in WPA, includes common law, and
- Fact issues remained as to whether employee's complaints about supervisor's purported gross negligence constituted report of violation or suspected violation of "a" law.