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**Case Summary:**

In October of 1991, Precinct 4 Constable Michael J. Grabowski was involved in a traffic accident with a Harris County street sweeper. In 1992, Grabowski sent a letter to Harris County Judge Jon Lindsay alleging that his supervisor had violated the law by allowing a biased accident report to be submitted by the sheriff's department and did not require that an in-house constable's report be submitted. Less than 90 days later, Grabowski was terminated from his position. Grabowski filed a law suit against the Harris County Precinct 4 Constable Department on the grounds that his termination was based on his reporting the alleged negligence of his supervisor, and thus was a violation of the whistle blower act.

The court concluded that because Michael J. Grabowski did not file his report with the appropriate law enforcement agency and that the violation he reported was an internal affairs issue rather than a violation of the law, the constable department was not in violation of the whistle blower act.

**Scope and Contents Note:**

Correspondence, legal documents, notes, and audio tapes from 1981 to 2002 document the time in which Michael J. Grabowski was a constable for Precinct 4, his ultimate termination, and the ensuing litigation. Correspondence includes interdepartmental communication between Grabowski and his superiors, commendations and complaints from citizens regarding Grabowski's performance on duty, and Grabowski's employee

evaluations. Legal documents include the plaintiff's original petition, as well the depositions of Grabowski's supervisors.

**Archivist's Note:**

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