



AROUND TOWN

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The following are selected police related incidents that the Hermantown Police Department has responded to between 12/27/09 to 01/02/10

Disturbances / Domestic / Assaults:

On 12/27/09 at 3:47 a.m., Officer Pfeiffer and Officer Esterbrooks responded to an address on Meadow Parkway on the report of a physical domestic. A 24-year-old male was taken to the St. Louis County Jail after officers determined that he assaulted his 23-year-old wife.

At approximately 9:15 p.m. on 12/30/09, Officer Wick was advised that a 45-year-old female was reporting telephone threats from her 42-year-old ex-boyfriend. Officer Wick listened to the message left on her cell phone reference having the female take her name of the title of a home they shared. During the message, the male called the woman an obscene name and stated he would kill her. Officer Wick contacted the male by telephone at his Wyoming residence and advised him of the complaint.

On 12/31/09 at 2:50 p.m., Officer Pfeiffer received the report of a 16-year-old male that had run away from his foster home. The boy was located approximately 2 hours later in Proctor after

officers there received the report of a suspicious person at a gas station.

At 1:13 a.m. on 01/01/10, Officers Johnson and Pfeiffer were dispatched to a possible fight in a bar parking lot. Officers determined that a male had stolen a checkbook from a woman's purse while she was dancing with her husband. The couple confronted the male and his female companion outside in the parking lot, retrieving the checkbook before the suspects fled in an unknown vehicle.

Traffic Stops:

Just before 4 a.m. on 12/28/09, Officer Wick observed a vehicle driving on Miller Trunk Highway near Haines Road that only had one working taillight. Officer Wick performed a traffic stop on the vehicle and found that the 31-year-old male driver did not have a valid driver's license. The male was issued a citation for driving after revocation. He called his brother to move the vehicle from the highway and pick him up.

On 12/31/09 at 11:53 p.m., Officer Pfeiffer performed a traffic stop on a vehicle that was being operated with only one headlight. Upon approaching the vehicle, Officer Pfeiffer observed an odor of alcohol and marijuana, along with wrapping papers and a case of Coors Light. Officer Pfeiffer also located three pipes, a clear jar with a marijuana stem, and a marijuana grinder. The 19-year-old male driver was issued a citation for possession of drug paraphernalia. He was warned for possession of alcohol by

a minor and for operating his vehicle without two operational headlights.

Accidents:

On 12/27/09 at 10:33 a.m., Officer Battaglia responded to the intersection of Miller Trunk Highway and Mall Drive on the report of a personal injury accident. A vehicle driven by a 30-year-old female slid on ice while attempting to make a right turn onto Mall Drive. It collided with a vehicle waiting at the stop light that was driven by a 52-year-old woman. A passenger in the stopped vehicle, a 61-year-old male, was transported by ambulance to the hospital for possible neck injuries. The 30-year-old female was issued a citation for no insurance and no proof of insurance.

At 11:07 a.m. on 12/27/09, Sgt. Marsolek responded to the intersection of Mall Drive and Miller Trunk Highway for another accident. A vehicle driven by a 20-year-old female rear-ended a vehicle driven by a 57-year-old male. The woman was unable to stop due to the roadway being very icy.



Just before 6 a.m. on 12/28/09, Officer Battaglia was dispatched on the report of a one-vehicle accident. The 44-year-old male driver believed a vehicle was going to pull out in front of him onto Haines Road from

Swan Lake Road and he swerved to avoid a collision with the vehicle. The man lost control of his vehicle and it overturned, coming to rest on its roof.

On 12/28/09 at 10:20 a.m., Officer Battaglia responded to Westberg Road near Timber Ridge Lane. A 24-year-old female stated that a vehicle had come around the corner into her lane, so she swerved to avoid it and went into the ditch. The other driver did not stop.

Public Assist:

At 3:38 p.m. on 12/27/09, Officer Battaglia spoke to a male who was concerned about his 11-year-old daughter's welfare after she called and texted asking him to come get her because her mother and stepdad were fighting. The male went to the mother's residence to check on his daughter and he got into a verbal argument with the stepdad. The male was advised that if his daughter was fine and custody stated she was to be with her mother at that time, then he could not take her.

Theft / Burglary / Shoplifting:

On 01/01/10 at 2 a.m., Officer Johnson responded to Pure Pleasure on the report of a shoplifter. A 45-year-old male had purchased a few items and while he was waiting for the clerk, he put two DVD samples in his pocket. He stated he thought they were free and did not see a price on the sign in front of them. The two items had a total value of \$9.90. The male was issued a citation for city ordinance theft.

