



# AROUND TOWN

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*The following are selected police related incidents that the Hermantown Police Department has responded to between 12/28/08 to 01/03/09.*

**Disturbances / Domestic / Assaults:**

On 12/28/08 Officer Pfeiffer received information that an 11-year-old girl had been physically assaulted by her mother during an argument they were having about makeup. The father had reported that this happened while the daughter was visiting her mother per their custody agreement. Officer Pfeiffer spoke to the mother about the incident, and she denied that any abuse had occurred. The information was referred to Social Services.

Also on 12/08/08, at approximately 11:45 p.m., Officer Pfeiffer and officers from assisting agencies responded to the report of a domestic disturbance on Lindahl Road. An argument occurred between a 37-year-old man and his 38-year-old girlfriend. The male party agreed to leave for the night.

At approximately 1:30 p.m. on 01/02/09, a Midway Road resident called to report a confrontation he had with a snowmobiler. He stated that he had previously had Christmas ornaments run over by snowmobilers, so he put up a

snow fence along the road. A snowmobiler stopped today and came up to the house to tell him he couldn't do that and the conversation became heated. He was advised by Sgt. Marsolek that he cannot post in the right of way and he could contact the St. Louis County Highway Department if he had questions as to the location of the right of way.

**Accidents:**

On New Year's Day at 3 p.m., Officer Volk was called to the report of a vehicle in the ditch at Miller Trunk and Mall Drive. The 26-year-old male driver was found to be driving with a suspended license, had no insurance on the vehicle, and had not changed the registration on the vehicle since moving from Wisconsin. The vehicle was towed and the driver was cited.

On 01/02/09, just after 1 p.m., Officer Volk responded to an accident on Haines Road near Mall Drive. The drivers couldn't agree on the facts, but it appears that the 76-year-old male driver of a Chevy pickup truck crossed into the next lane, striking a Buick passenger car driven by a 34-year-old male. No injuries were reported by the drivers or two female passengers. A one-month-old child was also uninjured.

Just after noon on 01/03/08, Officer Salo responded to a property damage accident at the intersection of Stebner Road and Shelby Road. A 21-year-old male had attempted to turn the corner at a speed that was too fast for road conditions and

his vehicle slid into another vehicle that was stopped at the stop sign. The male driver was issued a citation for speed (too fast for road conditions) and no proof of insurance.

**Public Assist:**

Just after 4 a.m. on 12/30/08, Officer Pfeiffer came across logs of firewood that were placed upright across Morris Thomas Road. He moved them out of the way.

At approximately 10:30 p.m. on New Year's Eve, Officer Vedder stopped at Arrowhead Road and Miller Trunk Highway to check on a male that was stumbling. The 32-year-old was intoxicated, upset, and crying after bringing his children to the airport today. He stated he was just lonely and Officer Vedder left him in his mother's care.

At approximately 9 p.m. on 01/03/08, Officer Johnson responded to a Sundance Loop address on a request to check the welfare of a 21-year-old female resident. The female was found to be unable to walk or speak and it was determined that she would be transported to the hospital by ambulance to check for alcohol poisoning.

**Theft / Burglary / Shoplifting:**

On 12/29/09 at 1:10 p.m., Officer Rendulich took the report of a stolen snowmobile. The owner reported that he believed it was stolen around 3:30 a.m. He stated it was driven off the property and onto a MN State snowmobile trail.

On 01/02/09 at 12:16 p.m., Officer Salo received a call to respond to Walmart on the report of a

shoplifting. Loss Prevention had witnessed a 29-year-old female and a 30-year-old female conceal items of clothing in a purse and a jacket before leaving the store. Neither woman made any attempt to pay for the items. The total amount of the theft was \$87.74. Both females were issued citations for misdemeanor theft.

**Miscellaneous:**

On 01/01/09, shortly before 12 p.m., Officer Volk found that the stop sign on southbound Johnson Road at Morris Thomas Road was damaged. She notified the Street Department so that the sign could be fixed.

On 01/02/09 at approximately 11:35 a.m., a Copley Road resident called the police department to report that a male calling North Star Steaks came to her door at 7:45 p.m. on New Year's Day. She felt this was suspicious, especially on a holiday.

On 01/03/09 at approximately 2:07 a.m., Officer Johnson was advised that a resident on Timber Ridge Lane was receiving harassing phone calls. The male callers stated they can see her and know where she is and she better lock her doors. The reporting party believes the calls were coming from a person she has not spoken to in years. She stated she was not scared, but would like the calls to stop. Officer Johnson called the suspect to advised him to stop calling.

