



AROUND TOWN

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The following are selected police related incidents that the Hermantown Police Department has responded to between 01/03/10 to 01/09/10

Disturbances / Domestics / Assaults:

At 8:17 p.m. on 01/03/10, Officer Pfeiffer was advised of an incident that had occurred in the Walmart parking lot earlier in the evening. A mother was reporting that her 14-year-old son had struck her 11-year-old daughter in the leg and that he had been previously arrested for domestic assault in the County they live in. Officer Pfeiffer spoke to the boy's probation officer, who stated he had conditions of release but should not be arrested for the incident. At that time, the mother informed Officer Pfeiffer she wanted the boy arrested for domestic assault. Officer Pfeiffer told her that he would send the report to the City Attorney for review of possible charges. The mother later called and stated that she did not wish to pursue criminal charges in the matter, as her son was currently in a residential treatment program on the recommendation of his probation officer.

On 01/04/10 at 10:45 p.m., Officer Battaglia spoke to a 42-year-old male that was reporting harassing phone calls from his girlfriend's ex-husband. The male was advised on how to obtain a harassment order from the court and to document the times he receives the calls.

Accidents:

On 01/04/10 at 6:39 p.m., Officer Battaglia was advised of a one-vehicle accident on Hermantown Road. The 17-year-old female driver told Officer Battaglia that she was driving westbound when she hit black ice, causing her to slid and spin before her vehicle came to rest on the driver's side in the north ditch. She also had a 17-year-old female and a 15-year-old male as passengers. There were no injuries reported.

At 3:39 p.m. on 01/08/10, Officer Pfeiffer was dispatched to an accident at the intersection of Hwy 194 and Miller Trunk Highway. A vehicle driven by a 23-year-old female had rear ended a vehicle driven by a 43-year-old male. The man stated he was waiting for traffic to clear before pulling out. The female initially told Officer Pfeiffer that she slipped on ice, but after he observed that the road was dry, she admitted that she was looking at southbound traffic on Miller Trunk when she struck the vehicle in front of her. The woman was issued a citation for inattentive driving.

On 01/09/10, just before 3 p.m., Officer Pfeiffer responded to Westberg Road on the report of an accident. A southbound vehicle driven by a 19-year-old male approached a curve in the road and slid on ice, crossing in front of a northbound vehicle driven by a 21-year-old female. The male's vehicle ended up in the ditch after the collision.

Animal Calls:

At 12:48 p.m. on 01/04/10, Sgt. Marsolek spoke with a concerned party that was calling regarding the welfare of horses on Midway Road. She also stated she believed dogs at a different Midway Road residence were not being cared for properly. Sgt. Marsolek

advised the woman he was familiar with both situations and the animals have been cared for according to state law in the past when officers have checked on them.

On 01/07/10 at 6:46 p.m., Officer Volk was on patrol on Hermantown Road when she observed a border collie run from a driveway into the road in front of her. While speaking to the homeowner, another dog at the residence had to be called off by the owner because it was growling aggressively and nipped at her boot. The resident, a 44-year-old male, stated the dogs belong to his son, but that he is responsible for them. He states that he needs to find a way to keep the animals on his property and that he knows it scares drivers when they run into the road. The man had been warned previously for allowing the dogs to run loose in violation of city ordinance and Officer Volk issued him a citation at this time.

At 4:17 a.m. on 01/08/10, Officer Volk located a black and white Husky running loose on Hermantown Road near Salem Lutheran Church. The dog had a collar, but not the required City of Hermantown dog license, so Officer Volk was unable to locate the owner. Officer Volk transported the dog to the Friends of Animals shelter in Cloquet.

Public Assist:

On 01/09/10 at 12:37 p.m., Officer Esterbrooks received the report of possible child neglect and was requested to check the welfare of a 13-month-old child. Officer Esterbrooks responded to the child's residence and found it to be dirty and potentially hazardous to the child. The home had a number of items spread out on the floor and stairs, old food on the counters, dead rodents just outside the door, and electrical outlets and stairs that were not child-proofed. Officer Esterbrooks determined that the child was not in immediate danger and forwarded a copy of his report to social

services.

Theft / Burglary / Shoplifting:

At 9:14 a.m. on 01/05/10, Officer Wick received the report of the theft of a construction trailer from a newer housing development sometime between 3:30 p.m. on 01/04/10 and 9 a.m. on 01/05/10. The owner estimated the value of the trailer to be \$8,000 and the value of the tools inside to be \$10,000. At 9:51 a.m. on 01/05/10, Officer Wick responded to Okerstrom Road after a resident reported a construction trailer in the area that appeared to be abandoned. Officer Wick determined that the construction trailer was the same one reported stolen earlier that morning, and most of the contents were missing.



Miscellaneous:

On 01/04/10 at 4:20 p.m., Sgt. Marsolek had a vehicle towed from Sunnyview Road. Officers had marked the vehicle for 24-hour parking on 12/28 after residents complained that it was creating a hazard, especially for snow plows. The residents stated they had made numerous requests for the owner to move the vehicle, and at the time officers checked on it in December, they advised the owner it would be towed if it was not moved.

