



AROUND TOWN

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Paul Johnson

Tom Wick (K9)

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Clerical

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K-9

Nero



The following are selected police related incidents that the Hermantown Police Department has responded to between 01/04/09 to 01/10/09.

Disturbances / Domestic / Assaults:

On 01/09/09 just after 2 p.m., Officer Wick was dispatched to the area of Sam's Club after a caller reported hearing the what sounded like a single shot. Officer Wick checked behind Sam's Club and Lindgren Road. He also spoke to a Minnesota Power employee that did not hear anything.

At approximately 9:15 a.m. on 01/10/09, Officer Salo took a call from a 42-year-old female that was reporting harassing phone calls and messages from a male. Officer Salo called the male's number and briefly spoke to him, during which time the male was uncooperative and claimed that the female owed him money. The male was advised to stop calling and leaving messages and also that he could take the female to court to get his money back.

On 01/10/09 at 11:30 p.m., Officers Wick and Johnson responded to the report of a disturbance at a Maple Grove address. The 64-year-old female caller was requesting assistance because her 35-year-old intoxicated son insisted that he

leave to pick up his girlfriend. After taking a PBT, which resulted in a .199 blood alcohol content, the male agreed to stay at the residence.

Traffic:

On 1/5/09 Officer Pfeiffer made a traffic stop on a vehicle that had signaled a left turn but did not make the turn. During the stop, the Officer noticed a strong odor of marijuana coming from the vehicle, and a K-9 was called in for a search. The search revealed a black pouch containing marijuana. A 20-year-old male passenger was cited for possessing a small amount of marijuana and drug paraphernalia. The driver was cited for no proof of insurance and warned for expired registration.

On 01/06/09 just before 10:30 p.m., Officer Pfeiffer checked on a vehicle on the side of the road with its flashers on near the Arrowhead Road and LaVague Road intersection. The driver had stopped to talk on cell phone.

At approximately 9:21 hours on 01/08/09, Officer Pfeiffer provided traffic control on Reinke Road. A vehicle had gone into the ditch while making a U-turn and was being pulled out.

At approximately 10:28 p.m. on 01/09/09, officers responded to an attempt to locate on the report of a vehicle on Miller Trunk Highway driving all over the road. The vehicle was located on Rose Road and the 85-year-old driver was advised about her driving

conduct.

Accidents:

During the evening of 01/07/09, Officer Pfeiffer responded to a business on Arrowhead Road for the report of a hit and run property damage accident. Officer Pfeiffer determined that a vehicle backed out of a parking spot and into the reporting party's vehicle, pushing the rear end approximately two feet before leaving the lot. The victim stated the damage had occurred sometime between 6 p.m. and 9:18 p.m.

On 01/10/09 at approximately 2:26 p.m., Officer Salo responded to an accident on Westberg Road. A 73-year-old male attempted to make a left turn in front of a vehicle driven by a 47-year-old male. He was issued a citation for failure to yield to oncoming traffic. Both drivers were checked by First Responders and Gold Cross Ambulance.

Animal Calls:

On 01/04/09 at approximately 9:45 a.m., Officer Salo received a report of a loose dog on Okerstrom Road at Hermantown Road. The caller stated that a black lab had chased her and her daughter to their home, then started fighting with their dog. The lab's owner was advised about dog at large and dog license ordinances.

Public Assist:

On 01/06/09 a female called asking for assistance retrieving her property from her previous residence where she was no longer welcome. Officer Volk provided a standby while she picked up her property. The female got into an argument with the homeowner. After collecting all her

belongings, the female was trespassed from the property.

Theft / Burglary / Shoplifting:

On the evening of 01/03/09, two black male suspects stole a total of \$268 in cash from two local gas stations. The males entered the stores and bought small items. One male repeatedly asked for change in various denominations in an attempt to confuse the clerk while the second male distracted other employees. Officer Salo is investigating.

Miscellaneous:

On January 21, 2009, Deputy Chief Padden released information regarding the sentencing of an armed robber that the Hermantown Police Department had arrested.

On 11/03/08 Patrick James Robertson pled guilty to 1st Degree Aggravated Robbery in the case against him involving the armed robbery of Pure Pleasure in Hermantown Minnesota in October 2006.

On 01/16/09 Judge Sally Tarnowski sentenced Robertson to the MN Department of Corrections for 48 months and ordered him to pay \$4651.00 in Restitution and Fines.

Robertson took the stand during his sentencing and admitted to a 20 year gambling problem which spiraled him into debt. Robertson said he "subconsciously wanted to get caught". Robertson's defense attorney pleaded with the court to "Have Mercy" on his client.

