



# AROUND TOWN

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*The following are selected police related incidents that the Hermantown Police Department has responded to between 01/10/10 to 01/16/10*

**Disturbances / Domestic / Assaults:**

On 01/10/10 at 12:21 a.m., Officers responded to an apartment complex for a noise complaint. The called stated he asked the kids in the apartment to be quiet an hour prior and they were still being loud. Officers advised the renter, a 22-year-old male, of the complaint and he stated he would keep the noise down. He was advised a citation would be issued to him if officers had to return.

**Traffic Stops:**

On 01/14/10 at 7:03 p.m., Officer Volk observed a vehicle with a white light shining to the rear. The 26-year-old male was warned for that offense, as well as for having a suspended object hanging between him and the windshield. He was issued a citation for no Minnesota driver's license after Officer Volk determined his license was revoked in Wisconsin. Officer Volk smelled alcohol on the driver, but he passed a PBT with a reading of .021. He was advised that his passenger needed to drive.

At 8:12 p.m. on 01/14/10, Officer Volk performed a traffic stop on a

vehicle driven by a 21-year-old male. He was warned for expired tabs, no proof of insurance, failure to update driver's license within 30 days of moving, and for not having two operational headlights. The male stated he had just purchased the vehicle a couple months prior and was unaware that the tabs were expired. He stated he had not yet received his insurance card. He also told Officer Volk that he had moved in 2008 and was unaware he had to update his driver's license.

**Accidents:**

On 01/11/10 at 12:05 a.m., Officer Johnson responded to the area of Miller Trunk Highway and Ugstad Road on the report of an accident. A 57-year-old female was traveling northbound on Miller Trunk Highway when she swerved to avoid hitting a deer in the roadway. Her vehicle entered the median, where it hit the hard-packed snow and turned onto it's passenger side.

On 01/12/10 at 10:45 p.m., Officers assisted the Minnesota State Patrol with a fatal vehicle/pedestrian accident on Midway Road.

**Public Assist:**

On 01/12/10, shortly after 3 a.m., Officers responded to a suicide attempt. The adult female was transported to the hospital after drinking or injecting bleach.

At 2:17 a.m. on 01/16/10, Officer Volk observed several people and vehicles in

the parking lot of a business near the intersection of Stebner Road and Miller Trunk Highway. Upon checking, Officer Volk found that several employees of the business had gone to Perkins after work and were returning for their vehicles.

**Theft / Burglary / Shoplifting:**

At 4 p.m. on 01/10/10, Officer Pfeiffer was advised by a male that his girlfriend told him that her daughter had stolen a number of Clonozepam pills from him. He told Officer Pfeiffer that he wished to press charges for this theft. Shortly before 10 p.m. that night, the girl's mother called 911 to report that her daughter had taken Clonozepam and First Responders were requested to respond to check the juvenile's condition. Over the next couple days, Officers Pfeiffer and Esterbrooks, along with School Resource Officer Vedder, investigated the incident and interviewed the juvenile female and two of her friends. Officers determined that the female and one of her friends had stolen the prescription medication and used it to get high. Both girls have been charged with theft and possession of a controlled substance, as pills were found in their clothing and possessions by their parents.



On 01/13/10 at 2:10 p.m., Officer Wick responded to a Miller Trunk address on the report of a stolen vehicle. The 1982 Chevy pickup was awaiting repairs from a local mechanic and it was parked at another business until the mechanic could work on it. The owner of the business where the vehicle was stored stated he had last seen it on January 7 or 8 and he thought the mechanic had just come to get it. The vehicle owner's daughter stated it had been purchased for \$5,000.

At 6:46 p.m. on 01/15/10, Officer Battaglia was advised of two adult male shoplifters at Walmart. A 21-year-old male had concealed a vehicle seatcover valued at \$21.96 and his 18-year-old friend had concealed a matching seatcover, along with a DS videogame valued at \$29.96. The males were issued citations for theft and trespassed from the store. The 21-year-old was also advised of a warrant for underage consumption and warned for having a plastic bag containing marijuana residue.

Shortly after 6 p.m. on 01/16/10, Officer Kristi Hansen responded to Walmart on the report of a shoplifter. Loss prevention officers had witnessed the male open a package of car headlights, valued at \$37.88, and conceal them in his pocket. The 21-year-old man was issued a citation for theft and trespassed from Walmart property.

