



# AROUND TOWN

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*The following are selected police related incidents that the Hermantown Police Department has responded to between 01/11/09 and 01/17/09.*

**Disturbances / Domestic / Assaults:**

On 01/12/09 at approximately 5 p.m., the Hermantown Police Department received a call from a group home stating that an 88-year-old male with Alzheimers walked away from the home and was missing. A few minutes later, officers received a call from a LaVaque Road resident, who stated that there was an unknown elderly male sitting in her dining room in his pajamas. The male was picked up by staff and returned home.

Just after 7 p.m. on 01/12/09, officers received a report of snowmobiles “flying” up and down Hermantown Road. Officers were unable to locate the snowmobiles at that time.

On 01/12/09 at approximately 10 p.m., the Hermantown Police Department received a complaint that North Star Steaks was attempting to solicit business at homes after 9 p.m. Officer Johnson made contact with the driver of the van and advised him about going to homes in the late evenings hours. Officer Johnson also contacted the company manager and advised him to get a

peddler’s permit from the City of Hermantown.

**Traffic:**

Shortly before 7 a.m. on 01/11/09, Officer Volk received a report of a vehicle without any rear lights almost causing accidents near Miller Trunk Highway and Haines Road. Officer Volk contacted the owner of the vehicle. The owner stated that her vehicle was in a garage in St. Cloud and the license plate officers received was incorrect.

On 01/16/09 at 1:05 PM Officer Pfeiffer stopped a vehicle that was traveling 55 mph on the Lavaque Road, and the driver was on his cell phone. The 26-year-old male was uncooperative, calling the Officer a “rookie cop,” and ripped up the citation that was issued to him for speed and no proof of insurance. A court date was set for 02/24/09.

Just after 4 p.m. on 01/16/09, Officer Pfeiffer was dispatched to attempt to locate a tan pickup truck that was all over the road near Highway 2 and St. Louis River Road. Officer Pfeiffer contacted the registered owner of the truck, who stated he sold the truck to someone who never transferred the vehicle title.

**Accidents:**

On 01/13/09 at approximately 6:22 a.m., Officer Pfeiffer responded to the report of an accident in a parking lot. A 23-year-old driving her employers vehicle slid on the snow-packed surface, colliding with her personally owned parked vehicle.

Damage to the vehicles was slight to moderate.

On 01/15/09 at approximately 9:02 p.m., Officer Hansen was dispatched to the report of a motor vehicle accident on Hermantown Road in which a dog ran into the roadway and collided with a vehicle driven by a 52-year-old woman. The dog was uninjured and ran home. The vehicle sustained damage to the front bumper and driver's side door area.

On 01/16/09, Officer Hansen responded to the report of a hit run accident. The vehicle owner stated it was parked in the lot of 24 Hour Fitness and when he returned, he found damage to the rear quarter panel.

**Animal Calls:**

On 01/11/09 at approximately 2:32 p.m., Officer Volk responded to Deerfield Townhomes on the report of a loose dog. Officer Volk advised the owner about Hermantown's ordinance requiring dogs to be on a leash. The owner said the dog is good, but was advised the leash law applies regardless of behavior.

At approximately 3:37 p.m. on 01/14/09, Sgt. Gunderson received a call regarding two dogs that were outside at a residence on Midway Road. The caller felt it was too cold for them and said it looked as though one dog couldn't stand up. Sgt. Gunderson went to the address and found that the dogs were inside with the homeowner, who stated they were only out for a minute. The dogs have food, water, and shelter when outside.

On 01/16/09, the Hermantown Police Department received multiple calls concerning the welfare of a dog living at a Stebner Road address. Officer Hansen responded and found the dog shivering and without shelter, food, or water. After attempting unsuccessfully to contact the homeowner, Officer Hansen lodged the dog at Friends of Animals Shelter in Cloquet. The homeowner was later advised on Minnesota animal shelter laws.

**Public Assist:**

On 01/11/09 at approximately 10:46 a.m., Officer Volk provided traffic control while a vehicle was pulled out of the ditch. It appeared that the vehicle had not slowed enough to make a corner and slid across the road. The driver was advised to slow down for conditions.

At approximately 6:19 p.m. on 01/17/09, Sgt. Marsolek checked on a vehicle on the side of the road with flashers on. The driver was having vehicle problems and had help on the way.

**Miscellaneous:**

On 01/16/09 at approximately 9:43 a.m., Officer Pfeiffer was dispatched on a 911 hang up call. Dispatchers were unable to get a connection upon calling the number back. Officer Pfeiffer spoke to the homeowner, who stated that her young child must have been playing with the phone.

