



# AROUND TOWN

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Michael Anderson

## Deputy Chief

Shawn Padden

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Tom Wick (K9)

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Jason Salo (LSGDTF)

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Jon Esterbrooks

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Jessica Treviranus

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Tara Rotta

## K-9

Nero

*The following are selected police related incidents that the Hermantown Police Department has responded to between 01/17/10 to 01/23/10*

## Disturbances / Domestic / Assaults:

On 01/17/10 at 9:26 p.m., Officer Hansen took a report of harassing phone calls. A mother was reporting that her 17-year-old daughter had received two calls from her 23-year-old ex-boyfriend from a blocked number, but they recognized his voice. She stated that the male was making rude sexual comments to and about her daughter and that a similar incident had been reported to Duluth Police a week prior. The mother was advised on how to obtain an OFP. The ex-boyfriend was contacted by phone and both he and his father denied that he had made the calls.

At 5:34 p.m. on 01/18/10, Officers Pfeiffer and Esterbrooks responded to a Morris Thomas residence for a disturbance call. A 32-year-old male had gone to the residence to stop his 32-year-old ex-girlfriend from selling a stock car that both parties claimed to own. Officers determined there was no physical altercation, only a verbal dispute, and both parties were advised it was a civil issue and neither party could sell the stock car because ownership was in dispute.

Just after 4 p.m. on 01/19/10, Officer Johnson was advised of an attempt to locate on a vehicle after another driver reported seeing the male passenger strike the female passenger. Officer Johnson located the vehicle a short time later. The 48-year-old female driver was visibly shaken and upset as she told Officer Johnson that her 25-year-old son was sitting in the passenger's seat when he became upset and went "berserk." She stated that the male has a traumatic brain injury and he began yelling at her, punching her several times. The male was arrested and lodged at the St. Louis County Jail for domestic assault.

On 01/21/10 at 5:20 p.m., Sgt. Marsolek responded to a Haines Road address reference a disturbance between a mother and daughter. The 66-year-old mother stated that her daughter was recovering from surgery and had a history of emotional problems. During a discussion about getting the 40-year-old daughter some help, the daughter became upset and threw a phone at her mother. The daughter then left the residence, stating she was going to drive to Arizona, and the mother was concerned she would get into an accident because she was extremely emotional.

## Driving While Intoxicated:

On 01/23/10 at 12:24 a.m., Officers Battaglia and Wick were dispatched to the report of a vehicle in the ditch on Miller Trunk Hwy near Ugstad Road. The vehicle had entered the median, hit a



flashing road sign, and rolled over, coming to rest back on its tires. The driver, a 26-year-old male, had no recollection of the accident, but denied medical treatment. The male failed field sobriety testing, including a preliminary breath test that he would not perform correctly. He was arrested and lodged at the St. Louis County Jail for 3<sup>rd</sup> degree DWI, .08 or more, giving a false name to police officers, and driving after revocation.

#### **Traffic Stops:**

At 3:10 p.m. on 01/18/10, Officer Johnson was on patrol near the intersection of LaVaque Road and Hermantown Road when he observed a vehicle with no front license plate. After conducting a traffic stop on the vehicle, he found that the 70-year-old female driver had a driving status of cancelled-inimical to public safety. She also could not provide proof of insurance. She was lodged at the St. Louis County Jail for driving after cancellation – IPS, which a gross misdemeanor offense, and no proof of insurance.

#### **Accidents:**

Just after 9:30 a.m. on 01/23/10, Sgt. Marsolek responded to the area of Midway Road and St. Louis River Road. A vehicle driven by a 19-year-old female had gone into the ditch. A wrecker called to pull the vehicle out had trouble slowing down on the icy road and slid into the first vehicle.

#### **Animal Calls:**

On 01/19/10 at 11:15 p.m., Officer Hansen transported a large black and white shaggy dog to Friends of

Animals after receiving reports that the dog had been running on Highway 53. The dog had a collar, but not the required City of Hermantown tag.

#### **Theft / Burglary / Shoplifting:**

At 1:09 p.m. on 01/17/10, Sgt. Gunderson responded to Walmart on the report of an adult male shoplifter. The 18-year-old man had concealed an Elmo doll, valued at \$17, and a remote car starter kit, valued at \$45, in his jacket prior to purchasing a DVD and attempting to leave the store. The male had opened the packaging for the items with scissors. He was issued a citation for theft and trespassed from Walmart property.

#### **Miscellaneous:**

On 01/21/10 at 4:43 p.m., Sgt. Marsolek was advised that two small children were left in a vehicle outside a local business. Sgt. Marsolek spoke to the 35-year-old mother and advised her of the complaint, possible issues, and answered her questions. The children were ages 18-months-old and 5-years-old.

At 11:15 p.m. on 01/22/10, Officer Battaglia received the report of a juvenile runaway. The 17-year-old male was supposed to be picked up at school at 4:30 p.m. and he wasn't there. The boy was located in Carlton County at approximately 2 a.m. on 01/23/10, and Officer Battaglia lodged him at AJC under the direction of the boy's probation officer.

