



AROUND TOWN

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The following are selected police related incidents that the Hermantown Police Department has responded to between 01/18/09 and 01/24/09.

Disturbances / Domestic / Assaults:

At approximately 12:22 a.m. on 01/20/09, Officer Wick approached an occupied vehicle in the Lakes 10 parking lot. The two occupants were sitting in the vehicle with all the lights off and they stated they were “hanging out.” Advised that the movie theater is closed and they need to leave.

On 01/20/09, Officer Boucher was advised by the high school principal that there had been an altercation that morning between two students. Officer Boucher took statements from witnesses, along with the two students involved. After his investigation was complete, a 16-year-old male was issued a citation for 5th degree assault.

Driving While Intoxicated:

Shortly before 2 a.m. on 01/23/09, Officer Pfeiffer performed a traffic stop on a vehicle that had turned without using a turn signal. The 25-year-old driver slurred his words, and admitted to having several drinks. His female passenger was also intoxicated. The driver’s blood alcohol content was reported as .12. The

driver was issued a citation for 4th degree DWI and released to his father.

Traffic:

On 01/18/09 at approximately 9:23 p.m., officers were requested to attempt to locate an erratic driver on Anderson Road between Haines and Stebner. Officer Volk spoke to the driver, who said the caller had tried to cut him off. He said he had sped up and the other driver flipped him off. He said he then traveled at 40 mph because he knew the other driver wanted to fly by him. Advised to not react as this can cause road rage situations to get worse.

At approximately 5:07 p.m. on 01/19/09, Officer Volk came across an unoccupied stalled vehicle creating a hazard to drivers at Arrowhead Road and Stebner Road. Officer Volk spoke with the owner, who agreed that because of the location of the vehicle and the fact that dispatch had a tow truck on the way, we could have the vehicle moved to her residence. She stated that she did not have her cell phone when her vehicle broke down, so she walked home to call AAA.

Public Assist:

On 01/19/09 at approximately 3:45 p.m., Officer Volk responded to the area of Maple Grove Road and Midway Road to check the welfare of an elderly male walker. The 83-year-old man, according to the caller, was walking in the driving lane and the caller had to drive behind him with flashers on so that someone

didn't hit him. Officer Volk spoke to the elderly male's nephew, who stated that his uncle simply likes to walk, often walking 15 miles during a day, but he always returns home at night. Officer Volk advised the nephew that she was concerned about the safety of his uncle.

Theft / Burglary / Shoplifting:

At approximately 9:36 p.m. on 01/19/09, Officer Johnson responded to U-Haul on the report of a stolen trailer. The manager told Officer Johnson that a 21-year-old male with an Illinois license had rented the trailer for one day and was to use it around town only. The trailer had originally been rented on 12/23/08 and U-Haul had tried to contact the male without success. They believe he may have travelled back to Illinois with the trailer. The trailer was signed stolen by the manager.

Shortly before 3 p.m. on 01/21/09, Officer Johnson took the report of the theft of a Hewlett-Packard laptop. The reporting party stated that she brought her personal laptop to work that day and it was now missing. She stated that there were at least 25 people, many unknown to her, with access to the room the laptop was in, but she has no suspects.

Just after 6 p.m. on 01/21/09, Officer Pfeiffer received a call regarding check forgery at the Chalet. Employees were reporting that a male had come in three times that day, and a number of times previously, to cash checks on an account that wasn't good. The suspect left prior to officers arriving at the scene. The vehicle the suspect was believed to be in was stopped a

short time later and the occupants spoke to officers. A photo line-up of suspects was done with various bar employees. Officer Pfeiffer is continuing his investigation.

On 01/22/09 at approximately 2:15 p.m., Officer Hansen took a report concerning theft of several pieces of diamond jewelry. The 54-year-old female caller reported that the last time she had seen the jewelry was when she wore them on Christmas. She stated that her house is normally locked and she had not noticed any forced entry into the house. A check of the APS Pawn System revealed no matching items pawned during this time period.

On 01/23/09 just before 7:45 p.m., Officer Pfeiffer responded to Walmart on the report of a shoplifter. The 60-year-old female admitted to stealing two DVDs and six boxed DVD sets and stated she was going to sell them to a pawn shop because she needed money to fix her motor home. The woman was issued a citation and trespassed from all Walmart properties.

The Hermantown Police Department was taken several reports regarding check cards being compromised following a massive security breach with Heartland Processor. At the time Officer Vedder spoke to a Hermantown Credit Union employee, there were eleven customers that had had compromised cards. According to the employee, all accounts that could have been compromised were closed and new cards were issued.

