



AROUND TOWN

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The following are selected police related incidents that the Hermantown Police Department has responded to between 01/24/10 to 01/30/10

Disturbances / Domestic / Assaults:

On 01/29/10, School Liaison Officer Vedder was advised of a fight that had occurred in the high school commons area after school the previous day between a 17-year-old male and a 15-year-old male. After investigation, Officer Vedder determined that the altercation was started by the older boy, and he was issued a citation for disorderly conduct. Both boys were suspended from school.

Accidents:

Just after 1 p.m. on 01/28/10, Officer Volk was dispatched to Miller Trunk Highway at Stebner Road. A vehicle driven by a 42-year-old male was northbound on Stebner Road attempting to cross the highway when it was struck by another vehicle. The second vehicle was driven by a 60-year-old female, who admitted that she had turned left across southbound Miller Trunk on a red arrow. The woman was issued a citation for failure to obey traffic control device and no proof of insurance.

On 01/29/10 at 1:47 p.m., Officer Volk was advised of a property damage accident at the

intersection of Haines Road and Eeve Lane. A 26-year-old male was southbound on Haines Road, attempting to make a right turn onto Eeve Lane, while a 59-year-old male was slowing for the stop sign on Eeve Lane. The younger male slid across the centerline and collided with the front corner of the other vehicle.

Just before 10:30 a.m. on 01/30/10, Officer Volk responded to a property damage accident at the intersection of Midway Road and Hwy 2. A vehicle driven by a 35-year-old female rear-ended a vehicle driven by a 70-year-old female. The younger woman was issued a citation for inattentive driving.

On 01/30/10, shortly after 10 p.m., Officer Battaglia received the report of a hit and run property damage accident that had occurred in the parking lot of the hockey arena. The reporting party indicated his vehicle had been in the lot from approximately 8:30 to 10 p.m. and he noticed damage to the driver's side between the door and rear tire. He told Officer Battaglia that a vehicle parked next to his had damage to the front right bumper. Officer Battaglia spoke to the owner of the other vehicle and looked at the damage, which did not appear to be recent damage and did seem to be related to the damage on the RP's vehicle.

Animal Calls:

On 01/30/10 at 12:44 p.m., Sgt. Marsolek responded to the area of the Hermantown General Store for a loose dog with no

collar that had been reported hanging out in the area. The golden lab was taken to Friends of Animals Shelter in Cloquet. The police department later received a call from the dog's owner, who was advised of the dog's whereabouts and on the city dog license ordinance.

Theft / Burglary / Shoplifting:

On 01/26/10, Officer Johnson was advised of a vehicle that was stolen from a vehicle maintenance station. The owner had left it there to see if the shop could fix a severe oil leak. Upon determining they could not, the owner was advised and employees at the business thought he had picked the vehicle up, as it was removed from the lot. The vehicle, a 1996 Honda Prelude, with multiple extra effects and after-market additions, was valued at \$30,000. The Prelude was later located in Superior with damage to the body and interior.

On 01/27/10, Officer Vedder was advised by the middle school principal that a number of items had been stolen from the locker room during the boys basketball game. Among the items stolen were an iPod and headphones.

At 2:09 p.m. on 01/27/10, Officer Johnson was advised of an adult female shoplifter at Walmart. The 30-year-old woman had attempted to steal three pair of underwear, worth a total of \$14.00. During a routine name check, the woman was found to have a \$300 warrant. She was issued a citation for theft and brought to the St. Louis County Jail for the warrant.

Just after 5:30 p.m. on 01/28/10, Officer Battaglia responded to

Walmart for a juvenile shoplifter. The 17-year-old male was observed removing two headlights from their packaging and concealing them in a jacket pocket. The male paid for two other items, but attempted to leave the store without paying for the headlights, which had a total value of \$41.83. The male was issued a citation for theft and trespassed from Walmart property.

On 01/29/10 at 4:48 p.m., Officer Wick, along with Officer Volk and Sgt. Marsolek, was dispatched to the report of two shoplifters at Walmart. A Loss Prevention agent told officers that she recognized the male as someone who had made fraudulent returns at the Cloquet Walmart. Loss Prevention told officers that they observed the male select a watch and remove it from the packaging as the couple stood facing each other. The pair selected a number of other items, which they paid for in electronics and the jewelry area. The 22-year-old male was issued a citation for shoplifting and transported to the St. Louis County Jail for a \$200 warrant for failure to appear on a theft charge out of Carlton County. The 18-year-old female was not issued a citation for theft, but she was also transported to the St. Louis County Jail for a \$380 warrant for failing to appear for a no proof of insurance citation from Carlton County.

Just after 10:30 p.m. on 01/29/10, Officer Battaglia was dispatched to a Miller Trunk Highway business. A customer was reporting that his vehicle had been broken into. The man told Officer Battaglia that he was missing a GPS system, an iPod, and a radio transmitter.

