



AROUND TOWN

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The following are selected police related incidents that the Hermantown Police Department has responded to between 01/31/10 to 02/06/10

Disturbances / Domestic / Assaults:

Just before 10 p.m. on 02/03/10, Officers Johnson and Esterbrooks, along with Sgt. Gunderson, were dispatched to a second-hand report of domestic assault. After making contact with the alleged victim, officers determined that an assault did occur. Officers took statements from the 24-year-old female victim and her 7-year-old daughter, who witnessed the incident. The suspect, a 45-year-old male, had left the residence. Earlier in the day, the male had been issued a citation by the Hermantown Police Department for driving after suspension. The man was later interviewed at the St. Louis County Jail, where he had been lodged for an unrelated incident. The man was charged with gross misdemeanor domestic assault.

Driving While Intoxicated:

At 9:06 p.m. on 02/04/10, Sgt. Gunderson was on patrol southbound on Haines Road when a vehicle made a turn in front of him from eastbound Mall Drive. Sgt. Gunderson had to brake to avoid a collision. The vehicle made a wide turn, entering the left driving lane of Haines Road, then

immediately pulled back into the right lane without signaling the lane change. After performing a traffic stop and determining that the male showed signs of intoxication, the 29-year-old man was given a preliminary breath test with a result of .102 blood alcohol content. The man was lodged at the St. Louis County Jail for 4th degree DWI, .08 or more, and failing to signal lane change.

Traffic Stops:

At 11:56 p.m. on 02/02/10, Officer Esterbrooks observed a vehicle traveling southbound on Miller Trunk Highway near Haines Road with a burned out headlight and a burned out license plate light. After making contact with the driver, Officer Esterbrooks smelled a faint odor of marijuana coming from her and he obtained permission to search the vehicle. During the search, he located several pipes with marijuana residue, two prescription pill bottles with Adderall, and a half-empty bottle of vodka. The 20-year-old driver and her 19-year-old passenger were both issued citations for possession of drug paraphernalia.

On 02/03/10 at 12:19 p.m., Officer Hansen performed a traffic stop on a vehicle near the intersection of Miller Trunk Highway and Sugar Maple Drive. The driver, a 40-year-old male, was determined to have had several convictions of not having insurance on his vehicle, so a check into the insurance that he provided was done. The insurance card he gave Officer Hansen indicated his insurance was current, but

the company stated that he had cancelled the policy in November 2009. The male was lodged at the St. Louis County Jail for gross misdemeanor no insurance, driving after revocation, and knowingly displaying invalid proof of insurance.

Accidents:

On 02/02/10 at 3:37 p.m., Officer Pfeiffer responded to Miller Trunk Highway at LaVaque Road for a one-vehicle accident. The driver, a 41-year-old female, told Officer Pfeiffer she was southbound in the inside lane when a vehicle pulled out in front of her from LaVaque Road. She stated this vehicle turned into her lane, instead of the right lane, causing her to swerve into the median, where she hit a road sign, causing damage to her vehicle.

Animal Calls:

On 02/02/10, just before 7 p.m., Officer Johnson was informed that an Anderson Road resident was reporting that someone ran up to her house and left a box. There was a mother cat and three kittens inside the box; all were taken to Friends of Animals Shelter.

Theft / Burglary / Shoplifting:

At 2:18 p.m. on 02/01/10, Officer Hansen received the report of a shoplifter at Walmart. A 26-year-old female had selected several items of infant clothing, along with sports bras and women's tops, and concealed them in Walmart shopping bags she had in her cart. The total value of the items stolen was \$130.00. The woman was issued a citation for theft and trespassed from Walmart property.

Shortly after 5 p.m. on 02/02/10, Sgt. Gunderson responded to Walmart on the report of an adult male shoplifting. Loss Prevention observed a 20-year-old male conceal two PSP videogames and two candy bars in his pockets and attempt to leave without paying. Total value of the theft was \$61.20. The man was issued a citation for theft and trespassed from Walmart property.

At 3:04 p.m. on 02/05/10, Officer Battaglia received a report of a theft that had occurred in the early morning hours. A 20-year-old male stated he had been bowling with friends when he left his wallet on a table; the wallet was missing when he returned.

Miscellaneous:

On 02/03/10 at 11:09 a.m., Officer Pfeiffer observed a vehicle parked on Carlson Road that had 2009 registration on the front license plate. Upon further inspection, Officer Pfeiffer found that the vehicle had a teal piece of paper with a "10" written on it over the 2009 registration sticker on the rear license plate. Officer issued the owner, a 22-year-old male, a citation for vehicle registration required and alter or deface registration. The male stated he had not updated the 2009 registration because he had a revoked driver's license and had not changed the title into his name when he bought it.

