



AROUND TOWN

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The following are selected police related incidents that the Hermantown Police Department has responded to between 02/01/09 and 02/07/09.

Disturbances / Domestic / Assaults:

On 2/2/09 at approximately 4:10 p.m. Officer Johnson received a call to a Hermantown business on Menard Drive regarding a customer that was arguing and refusing to leave the store. After speaking with both the customer and the store manager, the officer learned that they were arguing about a service that was provided, and the customer did not feel he was getting satisfactory answers. The manager requested that the customer not return to the store, and the customer was advised.

On 02/05/09 at approximately 5:45 p.m., Officer Volk responded to a gas station on Miller Trunk Highway to the report of an unwanted person. A 31-year-old male had been disturbing customers at the gas station and surrounding businesses asking for money. Officer Volk gave him a ride to Chum.

Just before 3 p.m. on 02/06/09, Officer Hansen was advised by Dispatch of a 911 hang up call originating at a Cherrywood Lane address. Officer Hansen arrived at the address and was able to make contact with a 19-year-old female, who stated that she and her 18-year-old boyfriend had been arguing all morning over their break-up. She stated that he had threatened to take a bottle of pills and she called 911

because she didn't know what else to do. Officer Hansen determined that there was no physical altercation and the female party left the residence. The male was arrested by Officer Hansen and Sgt. Gunderson for a St. Louis County warrant.

On 02/07/09, Officers were advised of possible underage drinkers at a local liquor establishment. Officers Vedder and Pfeiffer, along with deputies from the St. Louis County Sheriff's Department and a Trooper from the Minnesota State Patrol, went to the bar and identified three underage females that had been drinking. All three were issued citations.

Driving While Intoxicated:

On 02/07/09 at approximately 1:33 a.m., Officer Pfeiffer was dispatched to the scene of a vehicle in the ditch on Arrowhead Road near Haines Road. An off-duty Duluth police officer had stopped to check on the vehicle, which he had previously observed speeding, and believed the driver to be intoxicated. At the time of Officer Pfeiffer's arrival at the scene, the 21-year-old male driver was being uncooperative and was being held on the ground by the off-duty officer after attempting to leave the scene of the accident. The off-duty officer informed Officer Pfeiffer that the male had ignored verbal commands to stay at the scene and during a struggle, had bitten the officer. After field sobriety tests, the driver was transported to the Hermantown Police Department, where his blood alcohol content was determined to be .15. He was lodged at the St. Louis County Jail for 4th degree DWI.

Accidents:

On 02/01/09, just after 4 p.m., Officer Pfeiffer responded to a personal injury

accident on Haines Road. A Nissan Sentra being driven by a 17-year-old female had backed out of a driveway into oncoming traffic and was struck. Gold Cross Ambulance treated a 16-year-old passenger in that vehicle. The 52-year-old female driver of the other car stated that she was unable to stop when the Nissan pulled out in front of her. The 17-year-old was issued a citation for failure to yield.

Sgt Marsolek received a phone call from a 19-year-old male on 2/2/09 whose vehicle had been rear-ended the previous day while he was stopped at a train crossing on Midway Rd. The police had not been called, and the driver of the hitting vehicle had supplied insufficient insurance information and was not returning calls. Sgt. Marsolek assisted by contacting the other driver. The male was advised and cited for Inattentive Driving.

On 02/03/09 at approximately 9:20 a.m., Officer Johnson was dispatched to an accident on Arrowhead Road near the intersection of Miller Trunk Highway. A 76-year-old female had stopped in the driving lane waiting to make a left-hand turn into a driveway when she was rear-ended by a 16-year-old male that was looking at his iPod. The male was issued a citation for inattentive driving.

Just before 9 a.m. on 02/05/09, Officer Wick responded to the intersection of Morris Thomas Road and Haines Road to the scene of an accident. A 24-year-old Michigan man stated his stop sign had been obstructed by another vehicle and he went through the intersection without stopping. He collided with a vehicle being driven by a 39-year-old female. All parties stated they were going to go to the hospital to get checked for injuries.

On 02/07/09 at approximately 12:44 p.m., Officer Hansen took the report of an accident that that occurred on Miller

Trunk Highway at the intersection with Stebner Road. A pickup towing a snowmobile trailer was forced to brake when the vehicle in front of it stopped abruptly at a yellow light. The pickup swerved slightly to the left and the trailer collided with a vehicle in the turn lane. There was minor damage to both units.

Theft / Burglary / Shoplifting:

On 02/03/09 at approximately 1:25 a.m., Sgt. Gunderson was dispatched to Pure Pleasure for the report of a shoplifter. An employee stated that the female set off the security alarm when she attempted to leave the building. The 19-year-old female returned the novelty item and glass pipe she had concealed in her purse and was issued a citation for city ordinance misdemeanor theft.

Officer Pfeiffer responded to Walmart shortly at 6 p.m. on 02/06/09 for the report of two adult male shoplifters. The 19-year-old male admitted to stealing a videogame and a cell phone charger, and his 18-year-old brother admitted to stealing lighters and a pack of underwear. Both males were issued citations for theft and trespassed from Walmart property.

Public Assist:

Shortly after 9 p.m. on 02/07/09, Officer Vedder responded to an address on Morris Thomas Road after a family member called and requested that officers check the welfare of the residents after they failed to answer the phone. The adult daughter and mother had been having an extended argument, but all was calm when officers arrived at the residence. The reporting party was advised.

