



AROUND TOWN

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The following are selected police related incidents that the Hermantown Police Department has responded to between 02/07/10 to 02/13/10

Disturbances / Domestic / Assaults:

At 3:12 p.m. on 02/12/10, Officer Esterbrooks responded to Walmart on the report of an unwanted person. Loss Prevention advised that a woman was in the store that had been previously trespassed from all Walmart properties for a year and provided a copy of the trespass notice, which was issued in July 2009. The 21-year-old woman was issued a citation for trespassing prior to leaving the property.

Driving While Intoxicated:

On 02/12/10 at 12:37 a.m., Officer Kristi Hansen was on patrol northbound on LaVaque Road when she observed a vehicle weave over the fog line multiple times, almost hitting a snowbank. The vehicle also made a right-hand turn without using the right turn lane. Officer Hansen performed a traffic stop on the vehicle and observed that the driver, a 28-year-old male, appeared intoxicated. After performing field sobriety testing, Officer Hansen gave the man a preliminary breath test with a result of .152% blood alcohol content. The man was arrested

for 4th degree DWI, .08 or more, and driving after suspension. He was released to a sober party.

Public Assist:

On 02/08/10, School Resource Officer Vedder was advised by the middle school principal of a theft. A female student reported that her camera had been stolen from her locker and returned with inappropriate pictures of an unknown male. These explicit photos were apparently taken in a middle school bathroom. The principal spoke with the girl's parents about the incident.

On 02/11/10, Officer Vedder was advised of an Initial Intervention Unit report of possible sexual abuse of a 5-year-old girl after other students reported inappropriate and explicit conversations to their mother. Officer Vedder, along with IIU staff, conducted an interview with the child. After speaking with the girl, it was determined that nothing criminal had occurred and IIU would follow up with the family regarding the child possibly being exposed to inappropriate adult content and activities.

In the evening on 02/13/10, Officer Volk was advised of a situation in which an older male had left a suspicious letter for a younger female at her place of employment. The 49-year-old male had seen the young woman at a neighboring restaurant and followed her to her job. According to statements, he had gone to her work several times before leaving a letter indicating he had eavesdropped on

her lunch-time conversation. He stated he was attracted to her and asked her to call him. The 20-year-old woman was uncomfortable with the situation, especially as he would not approach her when she was not alone. She was advised on safety precautions and how to obtain an order for harassment or protection.

Accidents:

At 12:25 a.m. on 02/07/10, Officers Wick and Volk responded to a residence on Hermantown Road on the report of a hit and run accident. A man had parked a work van on the roadside by his driveway and it had been hit and pushed approximately 20 feet by a passenger car that had been abandoned with deployed airbags. The car was cold, and the damage had been done at some point after 8 p.m. The registered owner of the vehicle, an 18-year-old male, had been involved in a prowler call in Piedmont a short time before the hit and run was reported. Duluth officers had attempted to transport the male to Detox because he had given a preliminary breath test with a result of .16. He became combative with Detox staff and was transported to the St. Louis County Jail, where he was booked on charges of obstruction and minor consumption, and staff had to restrain him. Officer Wick made a number of attempts to contact the male in the days following the accident. A citation was issued to him for failing to provide insurance.



Theft / Burglary / Shoplifting:

Shortly before 6 p.m. on 02/11/10, Officer Pfeiffer received the report of a burglary to a Haines Road residence. The 20-year-old male victim reported that he and his roommate were moving out of the home and neither had been there for approximately one week. Upon going to the house that evening, the man found damage to several doors in the home and observed that he was missing a number of electronics, including a 46" television, an Xbox, two videogames, and a computer tower.

Miscellaneous

On 02/09/10 at 11:56 a.m., Sgt. Gunderson and Officer Pfeiffer performed a probation check on a 22-year-old male. The man, who was found passed out drunk on the couch, was given a preliminary breath test with a result of .248% blood alcohol content. He was lodged at the St. Louis County Jail for his probation violation at the request of his probation officer.

