



AROUND TOWN

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The following are selected police related incidents that the Hermantown Police Department has responded to between 02/08/09 to 02/14/09.

Disturbances / Domestic / Assaults:

On 02/08/09 at 5:12 p.m., Officer Vedder was called to ICO on Haines Road to the report of kids stepping in front of traffic. It appeared they were doing it as a joke. The officer spoke with the three 16-year-old males who stated they were doing a school project, trying to get reactions from people. They were advised that the result of their actions was law enforcement being called, and were sent home to come up with some better ideas.

On 02/08/09 at about 12:30 a.m. a call was received from a woman who was home alone and heard a noise in her attached garage several times that sounded like somebody was “monkeying with something”. It was discovered that a rabbit was in the garage.

At approximately 9:35 p.m. on 02/10/09, Officer Volk responded to a 911 call with an open line at a Hermantown Road residence. The occupant’s 1-year-old child had gotten ahold of the phone and dialed 911. The resident apologized for the inconvenience.

On 02/12/09 at approximately

12:21 a.m., Officer Volk responded, along with assisting officers, to Skyline Bowling Lanes on the report of a disturbance. While trying to break up a fight, two employees were assaulted by an unknown male. Officers are attempting to identify the suspect.

Shortly after noon on 02/12/09, Officer Wick responded to the report of a violation of a harassment order. The 31-year-old female victim stated that her 32-year-old ex-boyfriend was continuing to contact her from jail. With cooperation from the St. Louis County Sheriff’s Department, Officer Wick determined that the suspect called the female nine times on one day, as well as numerous other times on different days. The report was forwarded to the County Attorney’s office pending charges.

At approximately 3:13 p.m. on 02/13/09, a passerby called 911 to report witnessing an assault in the parking lot of a Miller Trunk Highway business. Through his investigation, Officer Wick determined that an 18-year-old male had gotten into a verbal altercation with a 17-year-old male friend over a female. The 18-year-old punched the juvenile male several times causing injuries. He was issued a citation for 5th degree assault.

Driving While Intoxicated:

On 02/14/09 at approximately 2:07 a.m., Officer Salo performed a traffic stop on a vehicle that had crossed over the center line. The 25-year-old male submitted to

field sobriety tests and was determined to have an alcohol content of .15. The male requested that his vehicle be released to one of his female passengers. After taking a PBT, it was determined that she was able to drive the vehicle from the scene. The male was lodged at the St. Louis County Jail for 4th degree DWI, .08 or more, and crossing the centerline.

Damage to Property:

On 02/09/09 at approximately 8:44 a.m., Officer Hansen responded to an address on the Mall Drive to the report of property damage. The window of a Chevy Blazer had been smashed out sometime over the weekend. No other vehicles in the lot were damaged. There are no suspects.

Traffic:

On 02/13/09 just after 10 a.m., Sgt. Marsolek took a call from a woman wanting to report a road rage incident that occurred on Miller Trunk Highway between Mall Drive and Cirrus Drive. She stated another driver began to harass her after she flipped him off. Reporting party was advised not to become involved in road rage.

Accidents:

Shortly after 3:30 p.m. on 02/10/09, Officer Johnson was dispatched to an accident at the intersection of Stebner Road and Morris Thomas Road. A 28-year-old male stated he had not seen the stop sign and he collided with a vehicle being driven by a 66-year-old male. The 28-year-old was issued a citation for inattentive driving.

Animal Calls:

On 02/08/09 just before 6 p.m., Officer Vedder responded to the area of Birch Valley Road to the report of two yellow labs hanging around all day with no tags. Both labs were transported to the Friends of Animals Shelter.

Public Assist:

Just after 11 p.m. on 02/11/09, Officer Volk stopped to check on a female sitting outside an open business with her head in her hands, crying. She stated her friends had upset her, but she was fine. She was advised to go inside as she wasn't dressed for the weather.

On 2/13/09 at approximately 7:45 PM Officer Volk observed a vehicle with two occupants at the intersection of Maple Grove Road and Lavaque that had run out of gas. The driver was given a ride to the BP gas station to get gas.

On 02/14/09, just before 1 p.m., Officer Vedder received a call regarding a civil dispute between a man and his ex-wife. The 32-year-old man stated that his 25-year-old ex-wife was demanding he pay her \$400 to see his kids today. He wanted to know if she could be charged with extortion. When the woman found out police had been called, she stated his mother could pick the kids up. He was advised to call police if there was a problem at that time, but to make sure he had the signed court order with him.

