



AROUND TOWN

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The following are selected police related incidents that the Hermantown Police Department has responded to between 02/14/10 to 02/20/10

Disturbances / Domestics / Assaults:

On 02/19/10, Officer Esterbrooks received the report of a possible Order for Harassment violation. The reporting party, a 38-year-old male, indicated that his wife's ex-boyfriend was sending text messages to the reporting party's father and he believed this was violating the order for harassment by making contact through a third party. On 02/20/10, Officer Johnson took a report from the same man, who stated that the male had been text messaging his wife, again attempting third party contact. The reports were forwarded to the prosecuting attorney for determination on charges.

Traffic Stops:

Just after 10:30 a.m. on 02/17/10, Officer Esterbrooks performed a traffic stop on a vehicle that was not displaying license plates and had a brakelight that was not working. The vehicle was found to have a temporary tag in the back window. Upon running checks on the driver, Officer Esterbrooks found that she had a suspended license out of Wisconsin and a local felony warrant. The 51-year-old female

was issued a citation for driving after after suspension, warned for her brakelight, and lodged at the St. Louis County jail for her warrant.

At approximately 9:39 a.m. on 02/18/10, Officer Esterbrooks observed a vehicle near the intersection of Haines Road and Hermantown Road that did not have a front license plate and performed a traffic stop on the vehicle. After observing nervous behavior from the driver, Officer Esterbrooks removed him from the vehicle and questioned him as to possible illegal items within the vehicle. The 20-year-old male allowed Officer Esterbrooks and Officer Pfeiffer to search his vehicle and they found a number of marijuana pipes, marijuana in various packages and containers, rolling papers, and unidentified pills. In the trunk, they observed a heat lamp and multiple types of lights bulbs that are commonly used for growing marijuana. The male was issued a citation for small amount of marijuana in a motor vehicle, possession of drug paraphernalia, and no proof of insurance. He was warned for not having a front license plate and for driving outside of the hours listed on his restricted license.

On 02/20/10 at approximately 11:36 a.m., Officer Esterbrooks, with the assistance of Officer Pfeiffer, performed a traffic stop on a vehicle with illegal window tint. The driver, a 39-year-old male, did not have a driver's license in his possession and gave his name and date of the birth to the officers. After it was

determined through a search of Driver and Vehicle Services that the male was lying about his name, he admitted that he thought he had a warrant for his arrest. The man did not have a warrant, but he was lodged at the St. Louis County Jail for the gross misdemeanor offense of giving a false name to a police officer.

Accidents:

On 02/14/10, at approximately 2 p.m., Officer Battaglia responded to Stebner Road and Anderson Road for a property damage accident. A 54-year-old female traveling southbound on Stebner attempted to turn onto westbound Anderson Road. The woman did not see the other vehicle, driven by a 17-year-old female, approach the stop sign. The older woman was unable to stop on the icy, snow-packed road, and the vehicles collided, causing minor damage to both.

Damage to Property:

Just before 10 a.m. o 02/14/10, Officer Battaglia responded to the area of Deerfield Townhomes after receiving information that two juveniles were ripping branches off some trees. Upon arriving at the townhomes, Officer Battaglia observed a 7-year-old male and an 8-year-old female playing in the snow near some trees. Both admitted to Officer Battaglia that they had done the damage, stating that they were mad at another juvenile female and believed the trees belonged to her. They were transported back to their residence and their mother was advised.

Theft / Burglary / Shoplifting:

On 02/14/10, shortly before 6:30 p.m., Officer Wick was dispatched to the report of a shoplifting at Pure Pleasure. The male suspect had been locked inside the building by the security system and had taken out a knife to cut the wires that release the door locks. The male stole two personal items worth a total of \$24.90.

At 9:30 p.m. on 02/15/10, Officers Wick and Volk responded to Walmart on the report of a female shoplifter. The 21-year-old female was observed by Loss Prevention in the men's department ripping tags off two shirts, putting them on, and covering them with her jacket. She was also observed concealing items in her handbag. The woman stole and concealed eight items of clothing, including a number of t-shirts and sweatshirts. The total value of items stolen was \$75.70. The woman was issued a citation for shoplifting.

On 02/18/10, Officer Hansen spoke to a 26-year-old woman who wanted to report the theft of a pair of jeans valued at \$59.97. She indicated that she had purchased these jeans at the mall on 02/13/10 and realized they were missing on 02/16/10. She stated that she believed her sister's friend, a 21-year-old female, had taken them. Officer Hansen spoke to a manager at the store where the jeans were purchased and watched surveillance video of the transactions, confirming the identity of the woman returning the pants as the friend of the victim's sister. The younger woman was issued a citation for theft.

