



AROUND TOWN

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The following are selected police related incidents that the Hermantown Police Department has responded to between 02/15/09 to 02/21/09.

Disturbances / Domestic / Assaults:

On 2/16/09 at 7:34 p.m., officers were called to a residential group home to the report of two clients physically fighting and one was using a cane as a weapon. One resident was combative and spat in the officer's face. The male was handcuffed for his own safety and the safety of others and was brought to St. Luke's for a psychological evaluation.

On 02/20/09 at 12:14 p.m., Officer Volk took the report of an unwanted person. The person was no longer at the residence at the time officers were called. The reporting party stated that her 25-year-old ex-boyfriend had entered her apartment overnight. She stated that he used to have keys, but she took them back, so he must have made a copy. She said that she was getting her locks changed that day. The male had not taken anything and the 33-year-old female believed that his intent was possibly to harm her estranged husband, who was not at the residence when the incident occurred. The woman told Officer Volk that she was attempting to get an OFP against her ex-boyfriend and she was

advised that in the future, she should call 911 when the incident is occurring.

At 11:40 p.m. on 02/20/09, Officer Johnson responded to an address on Hanson Road to the report of an unwanted person. According to witnesses, a 32-year-old male became upset with his girlfriend when she put on someone else's shoes to go outside for a cigarette. Others at the scene attempted to calm him without success and they wanted him removed from the residence as he was being disruptive. The male had a PBT result of .165 and signed himself into detox.

Driving While Intoxicated:

On 2/15/09 at 1:00 a.m., Officer Pfeiffer witnessed a vehicle speed through a stop sign at the intersection of Hermantown and Morris Thomas Road. The officer then followed and observed the vehicle lose control and roll over. The 22-year-old male driver stated he was not injured, but appeared to have been drinking. After undergoing field sobriety testing, the male was brought to the Hermantown Police Dept, where it was determined his blood alcohol level was .22. The male was arrested and brought to jail for 3rd deg DWI, .08 or more, and possession of a small amount of marijuana.

On 2/20/09, 911 had received three reports of a possible drunk driver headed westbound on the Arrowhead Road. Officer Johnson responded and observed the vehicle turn onto Midway Road without stopping at the stop sign. Officer

Johnson stopped the vehicle and had the 58-year-old male driver perform field sobriety testing. He was handcuffed and brought to the Hermantown Police Department, where his Intoxilyzer test results were a .26. The male was arrested for 2nd deg DWI and Open Bottle, and was lodged at St. Louis County Jail.

Accidents:

On 2/18/09 Officer Volk responded to Hermantown Road to the report of a hit & run to a mailbox. A vehicle had gone into the ditch, taken out two mailboxes, and then left the scene. The resident was contacted later that day by an 18-year-old female who admitted to causing the property damage, and stated that her insurance company would cover the cost of the repairs.

At 5:25 p.m. on 02/19/09, Officer Volk responded to the report of an accident at the intersection of Maple Grove Road and Stebner Road. Both the 25-year-old and the 29-year-old female drivers stated they stopped at the stop sign and believed it was their turn to go. Neither driver could positively say that the other driver did not stop at her stop sign. There was minor damage to one of the vehicles involved.

Animal Calls:

On 2/15/09 a complaint was received from a resident that neighbors were continually feeding deer, and the deer were causing damage to vehicles and plants. The reporting party asked that the offender be cited for violation of the deer feeding ordinance. Officer Vedder contacted the group home on Maple Grove Road where staff had been feeding

deer. They were unaware of the ordinance, but agreed to stop feeding deer once they were advised.

Theft / Burglary / Shoplifting:

On 2/15/09 the police department received three reports of vehicles that were broken into at the Econolodge parking lot. Vehicle windows were smashed and items were taken, including bowling equipment, a digital camera, and cigarettes. The bowling equipment was later found by Duluth Police in a recovered stolen vehicle. There are no suspects in this case.

On 2/19/09 Officer Volk was called to Walmart on the report of a shoplifter. A 26-year-old male was in custody for theft of a DVD. He admitted he took it, and when asked why, he said he thought it looked like a good movie. The male was issued a citation, trespassed from Walmart, and released.

At 12:41 p.m. on 02/21/09, Officer Volk was requested to respond to Walmart for an adult female shoplifter that was being uncooperative with Loss Prevention employees. The 25-year-old female had stolen a set of scrubs and some hair dye worth approximately \$28.00. She was issued a citation for misdemeanor theft and trespassed from Walmart property.

