



# AROUND TOWN

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*The following are selected police related incidents that the Hermantown Police Department has responded to between 02/22/09 to 02/28/09.*

**Disturbances / Domestic / Assaults:**

Shortly after 3 a.m. on 02/23/09, Officers Hansen and Esterbrooks were dispatched to Walmart on the report of a disturbance. An 18-year-old woman had been inside the store for approximately five hours, filling up carts with merchandise and leaving them around the store, not purchasing anything. The woman stated she was waiting for a friend to come get her. The female was given a ride home from Walmart.

At noon on 02/24/09, Officer Pfeiffer responded to Walmart on the report of a couple having sexual relations in their vehicle in the parking lot. They told Officer Pfeiffer that they “had a bad week.” They were both advised on their behavior in a busy public area and to use better judgment. Both apologized for their conduct.

At approximately 10:22 p.m. on 02/24/09, Officers Hansen and Esterbrooks were dispatched to Skyline Bowling Lanes on the report of a disturbance. A male reported that a group of 3-4 females were going to “jump” his fiancé. Officers determined that there was no physical altercation, but they group was yelling and swearing. Officers advised all parties.

On 02/26/09 at 1:34 a.m., Officers Hansen and Esterbrooks responded

to a Miller Trunk business after receiving a report of vehicles in the lot with lights on and someone standing near the cash register. The officers made contact with the individuals inside the building and found that it was the owners and friends, who were painting.

On 02/28/09, just after 3 a.m., Officer Johnson and assisting deputies responded to a residence on Alderberry Drive to investigate a 911 hang up call. Officers found that there was a verbal domestic between the male and female occupants. The female submitted to a PBT, with a result of .214. The male also took a PBT, which resulting a reading of .00. The female party was found to have a current warrant for her arrest and she was transported to the St. Louis County Jail.

Between 2/22/09 and 2/28/09 several Hermantown residents reported their homes had been hit with paintballs. No permanent damage was reported. Officers are investigating.

**Driving While Intoxicated:**

On 02/25/09 at approximately 11:13 p.m., Officers Hansen and Esterbrooks observed a vehicle cross the fog line numerous times. They also observed that the vehicle had a suspended object hanging from the rear view mirror. After identifying the driver, the officers were returning to their squad car when the 25-year-old male driver exited his vehicle and ran from the scene. Officers pursued and caught up with the suspect after a short foot chase. The male was given field sobriety tests and his blood alcohol content was determined to be .17. The driver was lodged at the St. Louis County Jail for 3<sup>rd</sup> degree DWI, .08 or more, fleeing a peace officer, driving after revocation, and no proof

of insurance.

**Accidents:**

On 02/22/09 just before noon, Officer Pfeiffer was dispatched to an accident at Miller Trunk Highway and Arrowhead Road. A 45-year-old female driver was northbound on Miller Trunk Highway when a vehicle driven by a 74-year-old male turned eastbound on Arrowhead Road in front of her. Both drivers claim they had a green light and the right of way. The female driver was issued a citation for no insurance and was taken to the hospital by ambulance for injury to her arm. Please contact the Hermantown Police Department if you witnessed this accident and have any information.

**Animal Calls:**

On 02/23/09, Officer Vedder received two calls on a pair of Great Danes. The dogs were aggravating a neighbor's horse and the resident stated they were aggressive. The caller stated his horse went after one of the dogs and may have injured it. The second caller reported that the Great Danes had come to her house and attacked her dogs. She stated that one of her dogs was bleeding, but not seriously hurt. Officer Vedder advised the dogs' owner of several violations for the dogs and he stated that they would be leaving in three days.

**Public Assist:**

On 2/27/09 Sergeant Marsolek spoke with a female who received a UPS Express Envelope that contained a letter instructing the reporting party to sign and cash three moneygrams that were also enclosed. If the reporting party had done as the letter instructed, she would actually have been signing to send money to the party who sent the letter. No loss was incurred.

Sergeant Marsolek also received a complaint the same day in which a female received a phone call advising

her she had won a cruise and to push "9" to start the process to collect. The reporting party found this suspicious as she had not entered any sweepstakes. The Hermantown Police Department reminds residents to be suspicious of unsolicited mail and phone calls that request personal information, such as bank account numbers, in order to issue payment for cash prizes, vacations, or other.

On 2/26/09 Officers Hansen and Esterbrooks were advised of an attempt to locate for a vulnerable adult who was missing from a group home. The missing party returned home prior to squad arrival.

**Theft / Burglary / Shoplifting:**

On 02/26/09 at approximately 4:05 p.m., Officer Volk was dispatched to Walmart on the report of a disturbance. An unidentified male called 911 to report that a man was holding the arms of two juvenile females that were struggling to get away. Upon her arrival to Walmart, Officer Volk found that the two juvenile females were shoplifters and the male was store security escorting the girls back inside. The 14-year-old female had stolen \$172.18 worth of makeup and hair items and the 16-year-old female had stolen \$78.92 worth of makeup. Both girls were issued citations for misdemeanor theft.

At approximately 3:20 p.m. on 02/27/09, Officer Volk was dispatched to Walmart on the report of a shoplifter. An adult male was observed by Loss Prevention staff to open the packaging for a set of \$15 headphones and conceal them, first in his jacket, then in his shoes. The 20-year-old male was issued a citation for misdemeanor theft.

