



AROUND TOWN

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Paul Johnson

Tom Wick (K9)

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K-9

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The following are selected police related incidents that the Hermantown Police Department has responded to between 3/01/09 to 3/7/09.

Disturbances / Domestic / Assaults:

On 03/04/09 at approximately 2:13 p.m., Officers Vedder and Esterbrooks were met at the police department by a 20-year-old female that wanted to report threats from an 18-year-old male. Officers contacted the male and advised him to refrain from contacting the woman. He stated that she had his ID card and he wanted it back.

Shortly before 11:30 p.m. on 03/06/09, Officer Wick was dispatched to the report of an unwanted person at a residence on Tamarack Lane. A 37-year-old man and his 36-year-old girlfriend had been out drinking earlier in the evening. The woman was creating a disturbance and the male wanted her to leave.

On 03/07/09, Sgt. Gunderson spoke to a 34-year-old male who stated that he was served with an OFP the previous day preventing him from having contact with his ex-wife. He reported that his ex-wife's sister had called and left him a voicemail message and he believed that they were trying to entice him into calling in violation of the court order.

Accidents:

On 03/07/09 at 8:35 a.m. Sgt. Gunderson was called to the scene of a personal injury accident on the Lavaque Road. A witness stated that a vehicle was attempting to pass him, hit a patch of ice on the roadway, lost control, and hit a utility pole. The injured female driver that was pinned in the vehicle was manually extracted by HVFD and transported by ambulance to the hospital.

Just after 2 p.m. on 03/07/09, Sgt. Gunderson was dispatched to an accident in the Walmart parking lot. A 54-year-old female backing out of a parking spot backed into a vehicle traveling down the driving lane driven by a 22-year-old female. The 54-year-old was cited for no current proof of insurance and an expired driver's license.

Public Assist:

On 3/01/09 Officer Johnson assisted Gold Cross Ambulance and Hermantown First Responders on a medical call that originated as a 911 hang-up. Dispatch was able to make contact with a frantic female who stated she was home alone with her children and reported having severe abdominal pain.

After a series of 911 calls in which a male was yelling and talking about things that didn't make sense, Sgt. Gunderson and Officers Hansen and Pfeiffer responded to check on the man's welfare. Initially, the 30-year-old male did not want to speak with them, locking himself

inside his residence. A short time later, the male made another 911 call and put his father on the line, who requested assistance with his unstable son. The man was brought to Miller Dwan.

Theft / Burglary / Shoplifting:

On 03/01/09, Officer Volk was called to Walmart on a shoplifting incident. A 23-year-old male was in custody for running out of the store with a pair of shoes he had not paid for. He had put the shoes in a Walmart bag that he picked up at the registers. The male claimed he was running out of the store so he wouldn't miss his ride. He was cited for misdemeanor theft and trespassed from Walmart.

On 03/02/09, officers were advised of a robbery at the Walmart pharmacy. A man demanded Oxycontin and indicated he had a weapon. Several hours later, officers responded to a residence on the report of a sudden death. Due to evidence at both scenes, officers believe the deceased male was the robber. Officers are continuing to investigate.

On 03/05/09 at approximately 4 p.m., a gas station employee reported a gas drive-off. She stated she made a mistake in registering the gas pump when the driver put the credit card in the machine. Officers were unable to locate contact information for the registered owner. The reporting party was advised that since it was her mistake and the driver did not intentionally drive off, this was not a police matter.

At 4:41 a.m. on 03/06/09, Officer Hansen, along with assisting officers

and deputies, responded to the report of a possible burglary in progress on Stebner Road. A 47-year-old male was reporting that his alarm went off and he was hearing noises in the basement. After checking the residence and property, officers determined that it was a false alarm, possibly due to a power surge.

On 03/06/09, Officer Boucher took the report of a theft from a high school student. She reported that cash had been stolen from the girls' locker room. Her pants had also been placed in the sink and soaked in water.

At 5:23 p.m. on 03/07/09, Sgt. Gunderson was dispatched to the report of a shoplifter at Pure Pleasure. The 34-year-old male was cooperative and admitted to stealing a personal item worth \$4.95. The man was issued a citation for misdemeanor theft.

Miscellaneous:

On 03/05/09, Officer Hansen responded to the Super America on the report of multiple 911 hang up calls from the payphone. She determined that two 7-year-old boys had made the calls while their parents were in the Subway. The boys were advised of the proper use of 911 and their mother was cooperative and reprimanded them.

