



# AROUND TOWN

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**K-9**

Nero



*The following are selected police related incidents that the Hermantown Police Department has responded to between 03/07/10 to 03/13/10*

**Disturbances / Domestic / Assaults:**

While at Walmart on another matter just before 1 p.m. on 03/07/10, Officer Johnson was advised by a female that she had witnessed a male urinating on the side of the building. Officer Johnson spoke with the male, who stated that he was a group home resident and he had just lit a cigarette and did not want to put it out to go inside the building to the bathroom. The 33-year-old male was issued a citation for public nuisance – urinating in public.

On 03/08/10 at 8 p.m., officers responded to the report of a fight outside Dairy Queen between two females, one of whom was pregnant. A group home resident had become upset with another resident and they began to fight. Staff separated them.

**Driving While Intoxicated:**

On 03/07/10 at 1:25 a.m., Officer Esterbrooks was on patrol near the intersection of Haines Road and Miller Trunk Highway when he observed a vehicle with no license plate light swerving over the fog line. Upon stopping the vehicle, Officer Esterbrooks observed an odor of an alcoholic

beverage coming from the 29-year-old male driver and had the male perform field sobriety tests. The male took a preliminary breath test with a result of .154% blood alcohol content. Officer Esterbrooks located two pipes and a baggie containing marijuana in the man's jacket. The male was issued a citation and lodged at the St. Louis County Jail for 4<sup>th</sup> degree DWI, .08 or more, small amount of marijuana in a motor vehicle, and possession of drug paraphernalia.

**Traffic:**

On 03/06/10 at 11:57 p.m., Officer Pfeiffer observed a vehicle near the intersection of Stebner Road and Miller Trunk Highway that was displaying a white light to the rear. This vehicle also did not have the rear license plate illuminated. During a routine check of the driver, a 27-year-old male, Officer Pfeiffer determined the driver's license was revoked. Officer Pfeiffer could smell an odor of alcohol coming from the male, who passed field sobriety testing. The male was issued a citation for driving after revocation and no proof of insurance, and was warned for his lighting violations.

On 03/09/10, just after 3:30 p.m., Officer Volk was advised of a school bus stop arm violation that had occurred at approximately 3:10 p.m. that afternoon. The school bus was northbound on Stebner Road when a southbound vehicle passed the extended stop arm. Officer Volk investigated the incident and

advised the 29-year-old female of her driving conduct.

**Accidents:**

Just before 7 p.m. on 03/08/10, Officer Hansen was informed of a hit and run accident on Maple Grove Road at the intersection with Loberg Road. A 25-year-old female had rear-ended a vehicle driven by a 60-year-old man. When the man got out of his vehicle, the woman left the scene of the accident. The woman was located and stated that she was afraid of the male because he yelled at her, but the woman had made no attempt to call police. The woman was issued a citation for hit and run.

**Public Assist:**

Just after 6 p.m. on 03/10/10, Officer Battaglia responded to a local bar after receiving a report of an intoxicated female refusing to leave in the cab the bartender called for her. The 52-year-old woman was brought to Detox because officers did not believe she could care for herself at that time. The woman took a preliminary breath test with the result of .273% blood alcohol content.

**Theft / Burglary / Shoplifting:**

On 03/08/10 at 2:33 a.m., officers responded to Pure Pleasure for an 18-year-old male shoplifter. The male attempted to leave the store with \$15.90 in unpaid merchandise. The man was issued a citation for theft.

At approximately 1:19 p.m. on 03/09/10, Officer Volk received the report of a gas drive off. The suspect, a 20-year-old male, had used a credit card inside the store to make a purchase, but did not pay for

\$29.97 in gas that he pumped. Officer Volk was able to locate the male by contacting his mother, who lives in Ashland. The mother and suspect both stated it was an accident and the male called the gas station and paid for his gas.

On 03/10/10, Officer Volk was informed there had been a theft from a business on Miller Trunk Highway. Approximately 30 gallons of gasoline and a license plate were taken from a business van parked in the lot.

On 03/12/10, Officer Volk received the report of someone ordering flowers from a local florist and not paying for them. The unknown male ordered flowers four times from February 9 to March 1. The total value of the flower arrangements was nearly \$1000. The florist attempted numerous times to contact the male, learning that his phone number had been disconnected and the home and work addresses he gave were not correct addresses.

**Miscellaneous:**

On 03/10/10, Officer Wick and his K9 partner, Nero, assisted the federal prison in a search of multiple buildings and areas.

During the week of 03/07/10 to 03/13/10, the Hermantown Police Department responded to or initiated 110 calls. These calls included four alarms, two vehicle lock-outs, and five animal calls. Officers also performed 54 traffic stops.

