



AROUND TOWN

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The following are selected police related incidents that the Hermantown Police Department has responded to between 3/08/09 to 3/14/09.

Driving While Intoxicated:

At 12:03 a.m. on 03/12/09 Officer Vedder observed a vehicle make an improper turn from Miller Trunk Hwy onto Arrowhead Road. A traffic stop was initiated and the officer noticed a faint odor of alcohol coming from the vehicle. Three males under the age of 21 submitted to preliminary breath tests, and two were found to have been drinking. The driver was cited for Under 21 Drink & Drive and one passenger was cited for Underage Consumption. The males were released, and the sober party was allowed to drive the vehicle home.

Traffic Stops:

On 03/11/09 at approximately 4:39 p.m. Officer Esterbrooks observed a vehicle with dark tinted windows and loud exhaust moving from parking lot to parking lot in the Hermantown Square area. He approached the driver of the vehicle for equipment violations and odd driving behavior. The officer noticed an odor of marijuana coming from the vehicle, and located marijuana on the driver during a pat down. The 21-year-

old female was cited for Possession of a Small Amount of Marijuana, Possession of Drug Paraphernalia, and Window Tint.

On 3/12/09 at 9:57 a.m. Officer Esterbrooks observed a vehicle on the Lavaque Road with extremely dark tint. He ran the license plates and noted that the plates were registered to another type of vehicle. A traffic stop was initiated, and it was discovered that the 25-year-old female was driving with a revoked license. She was cited for Driving After Revocation, No Proof of Insurance, and Plates Not Assigned to Motor Vehicle. The vehicle was towed.

Accidents:

On 3/10/09 Officer Esterbrooks was called to the scene of an accident on Miller Trunk Highway. A 19-year-old female driver rear-ended a van driven by a 23-year-old male when he had slowed to make a left turn. No injuries were reported. The female was cited for Inattentive Driving.

On 03/11/09 at 6:30 p.m., Officer Pfeiffer was dispatched to an accident at the intersection of Haines Road and Mall Drive. A vehicle driven by a 17-year-old male was traveling west through the intersection when it collided with another vehicle. The 47-year-old driver of the second vehicle initially told Officer Pfeiffer that he was continuing south through the intersection, but later changed his story and stated that he was turning left onto eastbound Mall Drive. Both drivers stated they had a green light.



At approximately 10:45 a.m. on 03/13/09, Officer Esterbrooks responded to the McDonalds parking lot on a report of an accident. A motor vehicle driven by a 44-year-old male backed out of a parking spot and hit an 18-year-old female that was trying to get into another vehicle. The man was issued a citation for unsafe backing and the female was transported by ambulance to the hospital as a precautionary measure.

Public Assist:

On 3/09/09 Sergeant Marsolek spoke with a female who inquired as to whether the police department could look up cell phone information for an unknown male who had been assigned a cell phone number that was previously used by her friend. The female had exchanged some text messages with this male, and she later discovered that the name he gave was a name used by a sex offender. The female wanted to know if the police department could find out who the male was by checking cell phone records, and let her know. She was advised that the police department does not have the capability to freely access cell phone records, and subpoenas are necessary to obtain this type of information.

Theft / Burglary / Shoplifting:

On 03/09/09 at 5:07 p.m., Sgt. Marsolek was called to Walmart for two adult female shoplifters. Loss Prevention had observed the females take items from the shelf, remove them from packaging, and conceal them in their clothing. They left the store without attempting to pay. Sgt. Marsolek interviewed the females,

who both admitted to the theft. They were cited, trespassed from the store, and released.

On 3/12/09 Officer Esterbrooks was dispatched to Pure Pleasure regarding an adult female shoplifter. Two store clerks stated that the security alarm had gone off when the female attempted to leave the store after trying on items in the dressing room. The female was cited for shoplifting and released.

On 3/12/09 Officer Vedder received a report from a local business owner that a 16-year-old female employee had admitted to taking \$150.00 cash. The suspect, with her guardian present, was interviewed at the Hermantown Police Department, where she again admitted to the theft and stated she was willing to return the money. Due to her past history of theft and the fact that a pattern of stealing from others was developing, a citation for theft was issued and will be referred to Juvenile Court.

Miscellaneous:

The 2008 Hermantown Police Department annual report is now available on the City's website at <http://www.hermantownmn.com/services/hpd/reports.htm>.

