



# AROUND TOWN

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*The following are selected police related incidents that the Hermantown Police Department has responded to between 03/14/10 to 03/20/10*

**Disturbances / Domestic / Assaults:**

On the morning of 03/15/10, Officer Johnson took the report of an Order for Protection violation that had occurred the previous night. The victim, a 28-year-old woman, told Officer Johnson that her ex-husband, a 32-year-old male, had called her cell phone three times around 9 p.m. and had left one message in violation of the OFP.

On 03/18/10 at approximately 10:22 a.m., Officer Volk and Sgt. Marsolek responded to a group home to investigate an assault that had occurred between residents. A 65-year-old male had apparently seen an 81-year-old male enter his room and this angered him, causing an altercation. The older male was transported to the hospital for his injuries. Staff told officers that the younger male has anger issues and that he had also assault a staff member approximately a half hour prior to this incident.

At 8 p.m. on 03/19/10, Officer Battaglia was informed that a resident had heard gunshots in the area of Solway Road and St. Louis River Road. All was quiet

upon his arrival to the area.

**Traffic Stops:**

On 03/16/10 at approximately 1 a.m., Sgt. Gunderson issued a 19-year-old male a citation for illegal use of plates not issued to vehicle, and warned him for brake light out and failure to transfer title. Upon checking with the DMV, it was determined that there was a mix-up either when the license plates were issued or at a Farmington dealership. The DMV stated they would issue the male new plates at no cost. Sgt. Gunderson voided the citation.

At approximately 10 p.m. on 03/19/10, Officer Battaglia was advised of a vehicle traveling on Miller Trunk Highway at varying rates of speed that was weaving in traffic. Officer Battaglia located this vehicle in the area of Vaux Road and observed that it was swerving within its lane. After initiating a traffic stop on the vehicle, Officer Battaglia found that the 51-year-old male driver did not have a valid license. He was issued a citation for driving after cancellation.

**Accidents:**

On 03/14/10 at approximately 4:30 p.m., Officer Pfeiffer took the report of an accident at Arrowhead Road and Ugstad Road. A 24-year-old male had lost control of his motorcycle at the intersection. He did not report any injuries and there was minor damage to his motorcycle.

On 03/17/10 at 4:21 p.m., Officer Volk

responded to the intersection of Mall Drive and Miller Trunk Highway for an accident. A 68-year-old male had rear-ended a vehicle driven by a 38-year-old female while she was waiting for traffic to clear to turn right at a yield sign. The male was issued a citation for inattentive driving.

**Public Assist:**

Just after 2 p.m. on 03/20/10, Officer Volk spoke to a 53-year-old woman who stated she had just received a pornographic and dirty text message on her cell phone. She stated that she deleted it and her husband called the number it came from. Officer Volk left a message on the cell phone that sent the message. A 62-year-old male called Officer Volk back and told her that he does not send messages like that. She advised him of the number the message went to from his phone and told him to stop sending messages like that to the number.

**Theft / Burglary / Shoplifting:**

On 03/16/10, Officer took the report of a stolen trailer. The trailer was chained to another trailer behind a Miller Trunk business. The Pro Stock trailer is a 14,000 pound capable equipment trailer valued at \$4,500.

At approximately 2:30 p.m. on 03/17/10, Officer responded to a Hwy 2 address after the owner reported that it had been broken into sometime in the previous four days. An outside light and two windows were broken, and the front door was left open. Nothing appeared to have been taken.

On 03/20/10 at 9:49 p.m., Officer

Wick was called to a local restaurant. A 28-year-old employee stated that a coworker observed a female attempting to steal his license plate. Once the female saw that someone was looking at her, she jumped into a vehicle with a male and left the scene. The front license plate bracket on the reporting party's car was broken, but he just wanted a matter of record call.

**Miscellaneous:**

On 03/16/10, a resident found garbage dumped in the area of Solway Road and St. Louis River Road. He had found several pieces a name on them. Officers contacted the son of the man whose name was on the garbage and the 25-year-old indicated that he had missed garbage day and just needed to dump it. He was advised to clean it up within 24 hours or he would be issued a citation.

On 03/18/10 at 4:45 p.m., Officer Volk responded to an Anderson Road address after a passerby reported six boys playing soccer in a short driveway. The reporting party stated the ball kept going into the road and she was concerned for the boys' safety, stating this occurred the day before, too. Officer Volk spoke with the homeowner and advised him of the concern. He stated the boys usually play in the backyard, but the ground was too wet.

