



AROUND TOWN

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The following are selected police related incidents that the Hermantown Police Department has responded to between 3/15/09 to 3/21/09.

Disturbances / Domestic / Assaults:

On 03/17/09, just before 10:30 p.m., a gas station employee called 911 to report that a female had entered the store after close and was refusing to leave until she could buy cigarettes. The dispatcher could hear the woman yelling at the employee. The woman left in a cab after police were called.

Driving While Intoxicated:

On 03/15/09 at 2:12 a.m., Officer Salo observed a vehicle traveling at a high rate of speed on Arrowhead Road near Stebner Road. The 24-year-old male driver failed field sobriety tests and had a PBT result of .117. Officer Salo lodged him at the St. Louis County Jail for 4th degree DWI, .08 or more, and speed.

On 03/21/09 at approximately 10:30 p.m., Officer Vedder responded to the intersection of Arrowhead Road and Stebner Road to an accident scene. A 43-year-old female did not see the stop sign and rear-ended the truck in front of her, causing injuries to the 18-year-old female driver of that vehicle. After field sobriety testing and a PBT, which resulted

in a reading of .203, Officer Vedder placed the 43-year-old under arrest and lodged her at the St. Louis County Jail for gross misdemeanor Criminal Vehicular Operation, 4th degree DWI, .08 or more, and failing to stop for a stop sign.

Traffic:

On 03/21/09 at 1:11 a.m. Officer Vedder noticed two vehicles pull into a bank parking lot on Miller Trunk Highway. After identifying the drivers, who said they were there to shovel sidewalks, a 34-year-old male was cited for Driving After Suspension and brought to County Jail on a warrant.

Throughout the week, officers received several calls regarding vehicles going the wrong way on the highway. Most calls were during late-night hours.

Accidents:

At approximately 12:00 a.m. on 3/16/09 Officer Volk assisted the Minnesota State Patrol with a fatal accident at the intersection of Miller Trunk Hwy and Arrowhead Rd. This accident is still under investigation by the State Patrol.

On 3/20/09 Officer Vedder received a call regarding damage done to a vehicle parked in the Second Wind parking lot. The registered owner suspected that the damage was caused by a truck that had been plowing snow in the lot, as he had witnessed the plow coming very close to his vehicle. This hit and run is currently being investigated by Officer Vedder.

At 2 p.m. on 03/21/09, Officer Esterbrooks responded to the Sam's Club parking lot on the report of an accident. A 62-year-old man had backed out of his parking spot into a parked vehicle, causing slight damage.

Animal Calls:

At approximately 7:30 p.m. on 03/16/09, an Anderson Road resident reported an ongoing problem with a neighbor's barking dog. Residents at the address given stated that their dog had been inside for a while and hadn't been barking. Officer Volk advised a resident at another address on his barking dog. The man stated that he thought it was strange someone would complain that early in the evening and that everyone in the neighborhood has dogs.

Public Assist:

On 03/19/09 at 4:53 p.m., officers received a medical call in which a 50-year-old group home resident was vomiting and shaking, but was not cooperating with staff. Officers assisted Gold Cross in taking the male to the hospital.

At approximately 8:30 p.m. on 03/21/09, Officer Vedder was approached by an elderly male while on a traffic stop. The male was very difficult to understand, mentioning his wife and a ladder. Concerned for his wife's safety, Officer Vedder asked if she could check on her and the man agreed. Officer Vedder spoke to the wife of the 80-year-old, who stated all was fine and that her husband has dementia.

Theft / Burglary / Shoplifting:

On 03/18/09 at approximately 9:18

a.m., a Haines Road gas station reported a gas driveoff. Officer Pfeiffer determined that the vehicle was a rental car. The 32-year-old male that rented the vehicle stated that he had gone into the gas station twice to purchase items, but he must have forgotten to pay for the gas and the clerk didn't remind him.

On 03/20/09 a Hermantown resident on Old Midway Road called to report the theft of a necklace and ring from her jewelry case in her bedroom. She suspected a friend of a female that had recently been to her home. This case is being investigated by Officer Esterbrooks.

Miscellaneous:

On 03/16/09 at approximately 5 p.m., Officer Volk responded to a residence on Lavaque Road to collect some found property. The residents stated that they found a large quantity of tools on their property and it was unknown who put them there or who they belonged to. The tools collected included 18 wrenches, 29 screwdrivers, drill bits, 16 socket wrenches, socket sets, punches and chisel, along with others.

Shortly after 7 p.m. on 03/16/09, Officer Volk stopped to check on a suspicious vehicle. The occupants stated that they were looking at a house that is for sale that they saw online.

