



# AROUND TOWN

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*The following are selected police related incidents that the Hermantown Police Department has responded to between 03/21/10 to 03/27/10*

### Driving While Intoxicated:

On 03/22/10 at 3:42 a.m., an officer observed a vehicle traveling on Miller Trunk Highway ahead of him swerving, crossing the centerline and fog line multiple times. After making contact with the 61-year-old female driver, the officer administered field sobriety tests, which the driver failed. The driver took a preliminary breath test, which resulted in .113% blood alcohol content. The woman was lodged at the St. Louis County Jail for 4<sup>th</sup> degree DWI and .08 or more.

### Accidents:

Just after 3 p.m. on 03/23/10, Officer Hansen responded to an accident on LaVaque Road. A 43-year-old female was attempting to make a right turn into a driveway when her vehicle was struck on the right. The 57-year-old female driver of the second vehicle told Officer Hansen she believed the first vehicle was making a left turn and she attempted to pass the vehicle on the right. The older woman was issued a citation for illegally passing on the right.

On 03/25/10, shortly before 5

p.m., Officer Battaglia responded to Morris Thomas Road and Johnson Road for a property damage accident. A 17-year-old female was attempting to make a left turn onto Johnson Road when her vehicle was struck from behind by a 38-year-old male. The male was making a delivery in the area and had looked down to check an address. The man was issued a citation for inattentive driving.

### Animal Calls:

On the morning of 03/24/10, Officer Hansen was advised by an Arrowhead Road resident that his neighbor's dog was barking most the night. He stated the dog was outside barking until 3:30 a.m., then started again at 5 a.m. when the owners let it back outside. He stated the dog was still barking when he left to bring his child to school and the owners were inside not attempting to quiet the animal. The dog's owners were advised of the complaint and stated they had just gotten the dog and would do a better job of quieting it when it barked.

### Property Damage:

On 03/26/10, Officer Battaglia was informed that multiple houses and garages on Stebner Road were hit with paintballs. One resident heard noises at approximately 9:15 p.m. the previous night, but did not notice the vandalism until morning. One garage had two holes where the paintballs had gone through.

### Theft / Burglary / Shoplifting:

On 03/24/10, Officer Hansen took the report of a stolen license plate tab. The

vehicle owner told Officer Hansen the back tab was taken off his vehicle sometime during the previous two nights when it was parked in the lot of a Hermantown apartment complex.

Just after noon on 03/24/10, Officer Hansen responded to Walmart for two adult female shoplifters. Both women had been observed by Loss Prevention selecting items and putting them in empty Walmart bags they brought with them to the store. One of the women, a 32-year-old, concealed six pair of mens' Starter shorts with a total value of \$72.00. The other woman, a 37-year-old, stole an outfit for her son and a bra for a total of \$20.00. Both women were issued citations and trespassed from Walmart property.

On 03/24/10, Officer Hansen spoke with a 37-year-old female that wished to report the theft of a prescription medicine. She had been visiting a friend the previous day at a Jamilee Drive address and had left her vehicle unlocked. She stated she had not been anywhere else and this was the only place her medication could have been taken.

On 03/25/10, Officer Battaglia was advised that an unoccupied mobile home had been entered and items were taken sometime in the previous month. The male stated he owned three trailers in the area and he believed, based on a witness' statement, that tenants from one of the trailers had entered the empty mobile home and had taken numerous tools and a mini-fridge.

On 03/25/10 at 4:10 p.m., Officer Battaglia was advised that Walmart

was reporting a juvenile shoplifter. Loss Prevention observed the 16-year-old select 13 items, including fake eyelashes, hair spray, and multiple nail kits and polishes, then conceal them in her purse. The total value of the items taken was \$70.39. The female was issued a citation for theft.

On 03/26/10, just after 5:30 p.m., Officer Volk was informed that Walmart Loss Prevention had observed a 33-year-old male steal a camera and portable monitor worth \$150.00. The male had selected the item from a shelf and had gone into a bathroom to remove the packaging. Loss Prevention stated that Walmart would not be able to restock the item to sell it, as the man had cut his hand while removing the packaging and had gotten blood on the camera and monitor. The male was issued a citation and trespassed from Walmart property.

At 6:46 p.m. on 03/27/10, Officer Volk responded to Walmart on the report of two juvenile shoplifters. The two 15-year-old females were observed concealing health and beauty items in their purses by Loss Prevention. Both girls were issued citations for misdemeanor theft. Total value of the items taken was \$76.00.

