



AROUND TOWN

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The following are selected police related incidents that the Hermantown Police Department has responded to between 3/22/09 to 3/28/09.

Disturbances / Domestic / Assaults:

On 03/22/09 at 2:32 p.m. Officer Volk was dispatched to a residence on the report of an out-of-control female trashing the home and keying vehicles. The 49-year-old female was sleeping in her bedroom upon arrival. Photographs were taken of the scene and the female was later interviewed regarding the property damage.

At 10:05 p.m. on 03/27/09, Officers responded to the high school on the report of an intoxicated student at the dance. The 17-year-old male was unable to stand on his own very well, his eyes were bloodshot, and his speech was slurred. The juvenile male provided a breath sample with a result of .179 blood alcohol content. He was issued a citation for underage consumption and was released to his father.

On 03/28/09 at approximately 2:40 p.m., officers were dispatched to the report of a road rage incident in the area of Miller Trunk Highway and Stebner Road. A 16-year-old male stated that a man in another vehicle had pointed a gun at him. Because the

young man had been able to give a detailed and accurate description of the vehicle, officers were able to locate the owner and driver of the vehicle, a 26-year-old man, and question him in reference to the incident. Officers found a toy gun in his vehicle that was painted to look real and the male admitted to holding it up to scare the other driver. The man was arrested on felony terroristic threats charges and lodged at the St. Louis County Jail.

Driving While Intoxicated:

At 5:00 a.m. on 03/27/09, Officer Pfeiffer was dispatched to the report of a vehicle in the ditch on Miller Trunk Highway. A MNDOT employee had witnessed the vehicle driving very fast before going off the road, and when he stopped to check on the driver, he told 911 Dispatch that he believed the man had been drinking. After conducting field sobriety testing, Officer Pfeiffer concluded the driver was intoxicated and had a blood alcohol content of .203 on his preliminary breath test. The 22-year-old male driver was lodged at the St. Louis County Jail for 4th degree DWI and .08 or more.

Accidents:

On 03/22/09 at 3:56 p.m. squads responded to a car accident at the intersection of Miller Trunk Hwy and Stebner Road, where a vehicle stopped at a red light was rear-ended. A small child was in the hit vehicle, but was not injured. Officer Volk issued a citation for Inattentive Driving to the 18-year-old female driver of the other vehicle.

At 1:18 p.m. on 03/23/09, Officer Volk received a report of a damage to property accident involving one vehicle that had left the scene. Witnesses reported that the vehicle came up Miller Trunk Highway very fast behind them and then drove on the shoulder for approximately 3 blocks, before hitting and damaging a turn lane sign, a mailbox, and two water line marker posts. When the 71-year-old male driver was located by Officer Volk, he stated he did not know what he hit, but admitted to going in the ditch and damaging his vehicle. He was advised to stop and notify owners of damaged property in the future.

On 03/24/09 at 11:09 a.m. Officer Volk responded to the Walmart parking lot for a property damage hit & run. The Officer observed damage to the rear bumper and tail light of the reporting party's Mercury Sable. There were no witnesses, and the incident was not captured on surveillance video.

At 1 p.m. on 03/28/09, Officer Vedder responded to Mall Drive at Haines Road on the report of an accident with minor damage. A 26-year-old male was issued a citation for unsafe backing after he backed up in the right-hand eastbound lane to get into the left-hand eastbound lane. The vehicle he struck was driven by a 42-year-old male.

Public Assist:

On 03/27/09 at 9:24 a.m., Officer Vedder received a call from a St. Paul resident who stated that she had received a notice that her son's social security number was being used for employment purposes at a

Hermantown business. Officer Vedder determined that a clerical error had occurred and was already being corrected. The mother was advised that no one was fraudulently using her son's social security number.

Theft / Burglary / Shoplifting:

At 10:10 a.m. on 03/28/09, Officer Vedder received the report of a gas drive off. She contacted the registered owner, a 27-year-old female, and informed her that if she did not return to the gas station to pay for the \$23.18 of gas she pumped, she would be charged with theft. After protesting that she did not have any money, she advised that she would borrow it from someone and return to pay. A gas station employee confirmed that she returned and paid for the gas that afternoon.

Miscellaneous:

At 10:37 a.m. on 03/25/09, staff at a Hermantown adult foster care home called the police department to report that one of the residents had left with family without permission and had not returned for over 24 hours. The 41-year-old male had medical issues that needed attention and he was court ordered to be at the home. The man was later located in South Dakota.

On 03/28/09 at 9:35 a.m., Officer Vedder and Sgt. Gunderson assisted the Duluth Police Department in arresting and transporting a 40-year-old male that was attempting to open a bank account in Hermantown with a fictitious name after passing counterfeit checks in the Duluth area.

