



AROUND TOWN

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The following are selected police related incidents that the Hermantown Police Department has responded to between 03/28/10 to 04/03/10

Disturbances / Domestics / Assaults:

On 03/29/10 at 11:38 a.m., Officers Pfeiffer and Hansen, along with Sgt. Gunderson, responded to a Midway Road address for the report of an assault. After speaking with involved parties and witnesses, it was determined that a 49-year-old male had assaulted the wife of his girlfriend's son, who also lived at the residence. The 24-year-old female had attempted to close a door to her bedroom when the man kicked it open, causing it to hit her in the head. Shortly after that, the male threatened the female with a coffee mug. The man was lodged at the St. Louis County Jail for domestic assault.

Traffic Stops:

At 12:04 a.m. on 03/31/10, Sgt. Gunderson was monitoring traffic near the intersection of Lavaque Road and Hermantown Road when he observed a fast-moving vehicle traveling northbound on Lavaque Road. After initiating a traffic stop, Sgt. Gunderson observed an odor of an alcoholic beverage coming from the truck. The driver, a 20-year-old male, stated he had not been drinking and he was just driving his

passenger home. The driver took a preliminary breath test with a result of .000% blood alcohol. Sgt. Gunderson confiscated 19 cans of beer from a case in the bed of the truck and issued the driver a citation for underage possession of alcohol. The driver was warned for speed and no proof of insurance.

At 12:49 p.m. on 04/02/10, Office Volk was on patrol when she observed a vehicle proceed through the intersection at Wargin Road and Solway Road without stopping at the stop sign. She performed a traffic stop on the vehicle and while running a check of the driver's license, she found that his status was suspended. The driver also did not have proof of insurance for his vehicle, although he stated he had just changed it online that day.

Public Assist:

On 03/30/10 at 6:37 p.m., officers were called to a Midway Road residence reference damage to property. In a dispute over a trampoline, one of the parties had cut into it so that the other party could not use it. Parties were advised that it was a civil matter, as no one could prove ownership. A short while later, officers were called back to the residence when one of males involved accused another of take a hunting knife and prescription medicine. Again, the parties were advised that this is a civil matter, as all parties were living in the residence and there was no proof of ownership or that property was actually missing. The officers stood by during the



removal of some personal property.

Theft / Burglary / Shoplifting:

Shortly before 3:30 p.m. on 03/30/10, Officer Johnson received the report of a family finding a purse near the Sunrise Cemetery on Arrowhead Road. The following day, the family returned to the area and located three more purses. Using contents from the purses, Officer Johnson was able to identify and make contact with all the owners. All four purses were reported stolen on August 4, 2009, and had clearly been out in the elements for quite some time.

Just before 4 p.m. on 04/02/10, Officer Battaglia was informed of a theft of cash from a wallet. A 58-year-old female had been shopping at Walmart and believed she dropped her wallet in the parking lot when leaving the store. Upon realizing this approximately 10 minutes later, she returned to the store to find that someone had turned her wallet in to Customer Service, but there was \$728.00 missing. A short time later, the woman advised Officer Battaglia she had located \$125.00 hidden in the wallet, but the rest was still missing.

On 04/03/10, just before 8 p.m., Officer Wick responded to Walmart on the report of a 35-year-old female shoplifter that was there with her 11-year-old son. The woman had selected a number of items to conceal in her purse. She also placed a hat on her head after removing the tags. She and her son were in the store for approximately two hours before attempting to leave without paying for the items she had concealed. Total value of the items

was \$78.42. The woman was issued a citation and trespassed from Walmart property.

Miscellaneous:

At 4:21 p.m. on 03/28/10, Officer Battaglia was on patrol when he observed two teenage females walking on the railroad tracks near the Adolph Store. Both were covered in mud. Their story did not make sense and Officer Battaglia brought them to the younger female's house. Both girls were underage and smelled of alcohol. Officer Battaglia gave both girls preliminary breath tests: the 16-year-old had a result of .200% blood alcohol content and the 19-year-old had a result of .229%. The 16-year-old became irate, being rude and yelling at her stepdad, who was at the residence, and Officer Battaglia told both females to go inside the residence. After speaking to the stepdad, Officer Battaglia found that the girls had taken a screen off the window and snuck away from the house. The 16-year-old's mother reported her as a runaway and both girls were charged with underage consumption.

On 04/02/10, Officer Battaglia spoke to a Lavaque Road resident, who advised him that her vehicle and garage had been egged the night before. She stated this occurred between 2 a.m. and 7:30 a.m. She also told him that two trees in the yard had been toilet papered, but she had already cleaned that up.

