



AROUND TOWN

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The following are selected police related incidents that the Hermantown Police Department has responded to between 03/29/09 and 04/04/09.

Disturbances / Domestic / Assaults:

At 3:06 a.m., Officer Pfeiffer responded to the report of a domestic disturbance involving a 35-year-old female and a 28-year-old male. Both parties stated that they were having a verbal argument regarding custody of their children and when the woman told the man that he was a bad father, he hit her in the back of the head with a pillow. Case file will be sent to the City Attorney's office for possible assault charges.

On 04/01/09, staff from an area group home reported that they found some pills inside of a resident's cell phone that were in the shape of cartoon characters. They suspected the pills were an illegal drug. The pills were confiscated, and in a presumptive initial test, tested positive for meth/ecstasy. This case is currently being investigated by Officer Johnson.

On 04/03/09, Officer Hansen responded to a Hermantown residence in reference to threats by phone. The reporting party received a voicemail threat from a male who used to live at that

address, stating that if he didn't get his stuff back, he was going to burn the house down. The suspect was informed that he was trespassed from the property and will be charged with terroristic threats.

Traffic Stops:

On 03/30/09, Officer Wick issued a speeding citation to a 21-year-old female who had reached speeds of 44 to 49 mph on the Ugstad Road, where it is posted 30. She was talking on her cell phone.

Shortly after 3:30 p.m. on 04/03/09, Officer Vedder attempted to pull a pickup truck over after observing it make a right-hand turn from Mall Drive onto Highway 53 without signaling. The vehicle continued driving, entering a parking lot before stopping. Officer Vedder found that the 55-year-old male driver had no driver's license, as it was cancelled inimical to public safety, and lodged him at the St. Louis County Jail.

Accidents:

On 03/30/09, Officer Johnson received a call to a property damage accident at the corner of Arrowhead Road and Miller Trunk Hwy. Four vehicles had been lined up at a stoplight in the southbound left lane of Miller Trunk. When the light turned green the female driver of the first vehicle hesitated because she wanted to make a left turn. She was rear ended and the three vehicles behind her also collided. The female was cited for inattentive driving because she was not in the left turn lane.

At 6:38 a.m. on 04/02/09, Officer Wick and assisting officers were dispatched to the report of a damage to property hit and run accident at a Miller Trunk business. During the initial investigation, officers discovered a vehicle in the ditch on Abrahamson Road that is believed to have caused the damage. Numerous person items were found inside the vehicle and there were no license plates on the vehicle, as they had previously been impounded for alcohol violations. Officer Wick is continuing his investigation.

On 04/04/09 at 2:12 a.m., Officer Hansen responded to the parking lot of the Runway Bar on the report of a hit and run accident in which a vehicle had backed out of a parking spot, colliding with a parked vehicle. The 21-year-old male driver was located the next day and issued a citation for hit and run.

Just before 4:30 p.m. on 04/04/09, Officer Vedder responded to the intersection of Maple Grove Road and Haines Road for the report of an accident. A vehicle driven by a 34-year-old woman stopped for the stoplight had been rear-ended by a vehicle driven by a 47-year-old male. The man was issued a citation for Inattentive Driving.

Public Assist:

At 9:31 p.m. on 03/31/09, Officer Volk was dispatched to the report of a suspicious vehicle that moved from one business parking lot to the gated area of another business on Arrowhead Road. Officer Volk located the truck and found the 64-year-old male occupant to be laying across the seat intoxicated. The man

stated that he was homeless and lives in his truck. The vehicle was towed and the male signed himself in to detox. He was advised to get insurance for his vehicle.

On 04/04/09, Officer Vedder received a call about a phone scam. The reporting party had received a phone call from a male, stating that his grandson was in jail in Canada and he could help by sending \$3,500.00. The man put the “grandson” on the phone to speak with the reporting party, then told him how to go about sending the money. Before sending a check, the grandson’s father was contacted and verified that the grandson was not in Canada, but was home in bed. The reporting party was advised to always verify with other family members before sending money to anyone you don’t know.

Theft / Burglary / Shoplifting:

At 1:03 p.m. on 04/04/09, Officer Vedder responded to Walmart on the report of a shoplifter. She issued a citation to a 19-year-old male for stealing markers, sponges, dog treats, and Pledge dusting spray. The total value of the theft was \$23.57.

Miscellaneous:

On 04/02/09 at 10:35 p.m., Officer Volk took the report of a missing person. An 18-year-old male group home resident was dropped off for work, but never actually reported for his shift and this was discovered when staff returned to pick him up later in the evening. Staff believes he may have been attempting to go to the Cities area to see family.

