



AROUND TOWN

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

Disturbances / Domestic / Assaults:

Just before 6 p.m. on 04/04/10, Officers Wick and Battaglia were called to an Alpine Drive address for a domestic assault involving a mother and daughter. The mother was reporting that her daughter was upset about the mother keeping a computer when the daughter was going to move out. The 50-year-old woman stated that her 17-year-old daughter had thrown an ashtray at her, hit her in the back, and had thrown a pop can in the kitchen. The juvenile was transported to Arrowhead Juvenile Corrections Center.

On 04/05/10, just before 3:30 p.m., Officer Battaglia and Sgt. Marsolek responded to Elmwood Lane after being advised of a possible physical domestic disturbance in the area. Officers spoke to several neighbors who witnessed the incident and the female running from the male, entering a neighbor's house to get away from him. After speaking with management of the trailer court, officers located both parties involved in the disturbance back at their home. Both the 29-year-old female and the 38-year-old male told officers that nothing

physical had occurred and the female had become upset and did not want to go to work. The male was trying to calm her and help her get back under control.

At 11:36 p.m. on 04/08/10, Officer Johnson responded to a Haines Road address on the report of a physical domestic. Both parties told Officer Johnson they had hit each other, but there were no signs of injuries on either. The 28-year-old woman stated her 31-year-old husband had come home intoxicated and entered the house through a basement window, as she had locked the doors. He then began playing music loudly, waking their children. The male stated his wife started yelling at him for no reason. Both parties were advised and the male left the residence for the night.

Accidents:

On 04/08/10 at 5:37 a.m., a property damage accident was reported at the intersection of Miller Trunk Highway and Ugstad Road. A vehicle driven by a 21-year-old female had been stopped at the red light. When the light turned green, she proceeded through the intersection. A 20-year-old male driving a pick-up truck misjudged how fast she was accelerating and failed to slow down behind her, striking her vehicle from the rear. The male was issued a citation for inattentive driving.

Public Assist:

On 04/06/10 at approximately 3:36 p.m., Officer Pfeiffer observed a vehicle on Ugstad Road that had been abandoned in

the roadway, creating a hazard for motorists. The vehicle had no license plates on it and the steering column was busted. Officer Pfeiffer was unable to contact the registered owner of the vehicle and had it towed.

Theft / Burglary / Shoplifting:

At approximately 10:30 a.m. on 04/08/10, while investigating the burglary of Easy Housing, officers observed a vehicle leaving the Airliner Motel parking lot that was occupied by a 38-year-old male suspected in the Easy Housing burglary, along with other burglaries in the area. Officers attempted to initiate a traffic stop on the vehicle, which fled at a high rate of speed up the highway while the 25-year-old female passenger attempted to open the door and possibly exit the moving vehicle. After a pursuit, the vehicle ran off the road and the male driver fled. After officers detained the suspect, they located a number of suspicious items on his person and observed several items in his vehicle that they believed were stolen. Later that day, officers from a number of local law enforcement agencies executed a search warrant on the male's motel room, finding a large number of items believed to be stolen, including many digital cameras and cell phones, purses, and CDs and DVDs. Following an investigation, the male was charged with several burglaries, vehicle prowls, and thefts within Hermantown, along with many others in neighboring jurisdictions.

On 04/08/10, just before 10 p.m., Officer Johnson was advised of a shoplifter at Walmart. Loss Prevention informed him that two

females had been shopping throughout the store, placing items in a large garbage can they had in a cart before separating. One had gone through the registers, paying for her items. The other female, an 18-year-old, attempted to leave the store after the first made her purchases, and Loss Prevention brought them both inside. The 25-year-old female was not aware that her friend was going to steal the merchandise in the cart and was not charged with shoplifting. The younger female stated she had just moved into an apartment and needed some items and she had come to Walmart with the intention of stealing them. She had a variety of items, including beauty products, rugs, Febreeze, tin foil, air fresheners, DVDs, and clothing. The total amount of the items she stole was \$748.67. She was lodged at the St. Louis County Jail for gross misdemeanor theft.

Miscellaneous:

On 04/07/10 at 4:42 p.m., officers took the report of a missing person. A 50-year-old male told officers that his 48-year-old wife had not been seen or heard from since 6 a.m. the previous day. He stated that this was highly unusual behavior for his wife and this was confirmed by her brother. The husband stated that there had been no activity on her cell phone or credit card. The woman was entered as a missing person into the national crime computer system and was later found deceased by another Minnesota law enforcement agency.

