



AROUND TOWN

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The following are selected police related incidents that the Hermantown Police Department has responded to between 04/05/09 and 04/11/09.

Disturbances / Domestic / Assaults:

On 04/09/09 at 2:55 p.m., a report was received that someone was possibly doing drugs at the Skateboard Park on Ugstad Road. Officer Wick responded and met with one male and two female juveniles at the skate park. They had peroxide and a needle in their possession and responded that they were going to pierce one of the girls' ears. No drugs were found.

At 5:14 p.m. on 4/07/09, Officer Volk responded to the 4700 block of Mary Lane Drive on a report of multiple gunshots heard within the last thirty minutes. Officer Volk spoke with an involved party and advised him that it is illegal to discharge firearms within city limits, and further complaints would result in a citation.

On 4/11/09 at 9:20 p.m. officers responded to the Hermantown General Store on a report of a group of juveniles looking in the windows and running around the back of the building. Officers located the involved juveniles, who stated they were just walking around and were on their way

home now. The juveniles were advised and sent on their way.

Driving While Intoxicated:

On 4/11/09 at 4:40 a.m., Officer Johnson was advised of a possible impaired driver or driver having a medical problem. A person had called 911 to report that across from the Deerfield Townhomes on Maple Grove Road, the driver of a red pickup truck was hanging out of the open driver's side door. The vehicle was gone upon Officer Johnson's arrival.

Traffic Stops:

At 9:54 p.m. on 4/09/09, Officer Wick stopped a vehicle near the intersection of Haines Road and Arrowhead Road. The driver was warned for unreasonable acceleration and released.

On 4/09/09 at 8:49 a.m., Officer Volk stopped a vehicle near the intersection of Anderson Road and Haines Road. The driver was cited for no proof of insurance and warned for speed.

Animal Calls:

On 4/08/09 at 10:47 a.m., Officer Volk was advised of a loose dog complaint in the area of Getchell Road and Maple Grove Road. The reporting party stated that two dogs, a Great Dane and a Pitbull mix, were running loose and had almost been hit by passing vehicles. The Great Dane had obviously broken its chain, as it was hanging from the dog's collar. The reporting party gave a description of the

house the dogs were last seen at. Officer Volk located this residence but did not observe the dogs, and did not receive any answer at the door. A message was left for the homeowner, who later called the police department to report that the dogs did not belong to him.

On 4/09/09, Sergeant Marsolek spoke with a party who came to the police department to complain about a neighbor's dog that is allowed to run loose. Sergeant Marsolek made contact with the owner of the dog, who admitted to allowing the dog to run loose. Sergeant Marsolek advised the owner on applicable city ordinances, and directed her to obtain the required City of Hermantown dog license.

Public Assist:

At 7:37 a.m. on 4/05/09, Officer Vedder received information that the traffic lights for southbound traffic on Miller Trunk Hwy at Mall Drive were cycling longer on red than normal. Officer Vedder observed four full cycles and noted that the lights seemed to be working in proper order.

On 4/07/09 at 8:43 a.m., Officer Volk responded to the intersection of Copley Road and Berkeley Road on a report of a stop sign down, creating a potential traffic hazard. At the scene Officer Volk discovered the top half of the sign post and stop sign missing. The City of Hermantown Public Works Department was advised and the stop sign was fixed.

Theft / Burglary / Shoplifting:

On 4/08/09 at 8:03 a.m., Officer Volk responded to a report of a security alarm at an automotive

business on Maple Grove Road. Officer Volk discovered two employees on site who stated they arrived at work at 8:00 a.m. and did not hear the alarm going off. The employees said there were no problems and Officer Volk advised them to contact their alarm company.

On 04/08/09 at 8:25 a.m., Officer Volk responded to a Haines Road gas station at the request of the manager. A customer's check had been declined and he had no other way to pay for the \$34.30 of gas he had pumped. Officer Volk issued the 45-year-old man a citation for misdemeanor theft, but told him that the ticket would be voided if he returned to pay by 6 p.m. During her contact with the male, Officer Volk determined that his Minnesota driving status was revoked. He admitted to driving the vehicle to the gas station, but stated that his 45-year-old passenger would be driving the car when they left. Officer Volk found that the passenger's driving status was also revoked and would not allow the men to leave in the vehicle.

Miscellaneous:

The Hermantown PD speed trailer was set up on Stebner Road near Maple Grove Road on 04/09/09. 1661 vehicles were recorded passing the speed trailer. Out of the 1661 vehicles, 249 were traveling faster than the 40 MPH posted speed limit. The highest speed recorded was 54 MPH. All other speeding vehicles were in the 41-50 MPH range.

