



# AROUND TOWN

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*The following are selected police related incidents that the Hermantown Police Department has responded to between 04/01/08 and 04/15/08.*

### Animals:

On 04/08/08, at 3:04 p.m., Officer Miketin was dispatched to an address on the Anderson Road in reference to a black lab that had been hanging around for a few days. Miketin captured the dog. The dog did not have a City of Hermantown license, so we could not identify the owner. The dog was transported and lodged at the Friends of Animals Shelter in Cloquet.

On 04/08/08, at 5:00 p.m., Officer Miketin was dispatched to a residence on the Arrowhead Road reference a cat that had been hanging around for the past two weeks. The cat did not have a City of Hermantown license, which would have helped us in identifying the owners. Miketin caught the cat and lodged it at the Friends of Animals Shelter in Cloquet.

### Damage to Property:

On 04/03/08, at 9:07 a.m., Officer Miketin was dispatched to the Hermantown Car Wash on Miller Trunk Hwy to investigate damage that occurred inside one of the wash stalls. Someone spun their tires in the stall, which caused damage to the floor. Officers located the suspect at the Hermantown High School and he admitted to causing the damage. Charges are pending.



Sometime during the night of 04/12/08, someone placed bottle bombs inside mailboxes on the Anderson Road and County Road. The mailboxes was damaged. Officer Volk is still investigating.

### Disturbances / Domestic / Assaults:

On 04/03/08, at 8:38 p.m., Officer Vedder was dispatched to a Meadow Parkway apartment where 5-6 adults were shooting off fireworks. Vedder identified the apartment owner and warned them about shooting fireworks.

On 04/04/08, at 10:46 p.m., Officers Wick and Salo were dispatched to the Runway Bar where there was an unruly male trying to fight with the bouncer. Officers found the 39-year-old male walking on the Arrowhead Road. The male's blood alcohol content was .240. He was too intoxicated to let him continue walking and/or bring him home. The male was transported to the Duluth Detoxification Center, where he signed himself in.

On 04/08/08, at 9:45 p.m., Officers were dispatched to a suicide threat call on Woodridge Drive. A resident was threatening suicide and was being violent. The resident also had a razor blade in his possession. Officers Hansen, Miketin, and Rendulich handled this situation and the resident was eventually taken to a hospital for an evaluation.

### Driving While Intoxicated:

On 04/01/08, at 12:18 a.m., Officer Rendulich stopped a vehicle on the Maple Grove Road near Sam's Club for driving on the wrong side of the road. The driver appeared intoxicated and was subsequently arrested for DWI. The driver eventually refused to submit to a breath test. The 53-year-old male was lodged at the St Louis County Jail for 2<sup>nd</sup> Degree Test Refusal, 2<sup>nd</sup> Degree DWI, No Drivers License in Possession, and Crossing over the Center Line.

On 04/07/08, at 7:29 a.m., Officer Rendulich was dispatched to Hwy 194 reference a Property

Damage complaint. The reporting party called 911 to report that a vehicle had just run over their mailbox. The driver and vehicle were still there when Officer Rendulich arrived. The 54-year-old female driver appeared intoxicated and failed field sobriety tests. When Officer Rendulich asked the driver what happened, the driver's response was "I don't know, I'm drunk." The female driver's blood alcohol content was .14. She was cited for 4<sup>th</sup> degree DWI and released to her husband at home.

On 04/08/08, at 10:46 p.m., Officer Miketin stopped a vehicle on the Stebner Road for speeding. The 18-year-old male driver had been drinking. His blood alcohol content was .069. The 18-year-old was cited for Underage Drinking and Driving and also Speed. He was released to a sober adult.

#### **Suspicious Vehicles & Persons:**

On 04/03/08, at 10:18 p.m., Officer Rendulich observed a vehicle at the Goodwill Store on Miller Trunk Hwy. He checked on the vehicle and the occupants were dropping off items outside the store. They were advised that dropping items off after hours is unacceptable.

#### **Theft / Burglary / Shoplifting:**

On 04/01/08, at 5:36 p.m., Officer Rendulich responded to Walmart after their loss prevention apprehended a 36-year-old female shoplifter. The female attempted to steal \$251.52 worth of clothing items, batteries, pencils, video games, and movies. The female was cited for Theft/Trespassing and sent on her way.



On 04/03/08, at 4:50 p.m., Officers Rendulich and Miketin responded to Walmart after their loss prevention officers detained an 18-year-old female for shoplifting. The 18-year-old female stole a

shirt and a pair of pants totaling \$32.74. She was cited for Theft/Shoplifting and sent on her way.

On 04/03/08, at 6:11 p.m., Officer Hansen and Rendulich responded to Walmart after they apprehended two male shoplifters. The shoplifters were 18 and 19-years-old. One of them stole a bicycle tire tube and a bicycle chain link. When questioned by the officers, the 18-year-old male said that he stole the things because "he was trying to conserve his money." He was cited for Theft/Shoplifting and sent on his way.



On 04/08/08, at 7:37 a.m., Officers were dispatched to the Hermantown General Store reference a \$40.19 gas drive off. Officers Boucher and Vedder checked the area but were unable to find a vehicle matching the description of suspect vehicle.

On 04/10/08, at 1:03 p.m., Officer Vedder was dispatched to the Econo Lodge reference an abandoned vehicle that had been parked in the Cinema Lot for three days. The vehicle was identified as a stolen vehicle out of Superior, WI. The vehicle was returned to the owner.

On 04/10/08, someone smashed the passenger's side window out of a vehicle parked at the Skyline Bowling Lanes and stole approximately \$30.00 worth of money. Officer Hansen is investigating.

On the night of 04/14/08, someone stole a blue 2005 Ford F-150 FX4 4 door pick up truck from the Econo Lodge parking lot in Hermantown. Approximately \$5,000.00 worth of tools was also inside the truck when stolen in addition to a lot of miscellaneous items. The license plate on the truck is NXY988. If anyone sees this vehicle or knows anything about the theft, please call 911. Officer Volk is investigating.

