



# AROUND TOWN

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*The following are selected police related incidents that the Hermantown Police Department has responded to between 04/11/10 to 04/17/10*

**Disturbances / Domestic / Assaults:**

On 04/14/10, Officers Pfeiffer and Hansen were advised of a therapist reporting the possible assault of a 17-year-old female by her 21-year-old boyfriend. The female's parents had told the therapist about the assault, but she had not had contact with the juvenile herself. The female's parents both reported areas of bruising on the girl. The juvenile was not cooperative with officers, stating she did not want to get her boyfriend in trouble, and she was wearing clothing that hid any possible bruises. The juvenile's mother was encouraged to contact the police department if her daughter decided she wanted to talk to someone about the incident.

At 7:30 p.m. on 04/15/10, Officer Johnson received the report of a possible OFP violation. The reporting party, a 27-year-old male, stated that his mother's 49-year-old boyfriend had called his cell phone six times recently, including two calls that day, and left vulgar messages. The reporting party stated that the cell phone is primarily his, but that his 24-year-old wife also uses it and

there was an active OFP against his mother's boyfriend after a recent domestic assault.

On 04/16/10 at 11:58 p.m., Hermantown officers were advised of a complaint of three males climbing a street pole without clothes on. Officer Pfeiffer and assisting officers located and spoke to the males on Greystone Street. The two 18-year-olds and one 17-year-old hesitantly admitted to climbing the pole naked, and all three admitted to drinking alcohol. The males were each given a preliminary breath test and issued citations for underage consumption.

**Driving While Intoxicated:**

On 04/15/10, just after 1:30 p.m., Dispatch advised Proctor officers that a woman was reporting that a male had called his wife and made suicidal comments and that he had left his residence in Proctor and was headed for LaVaque Road. A Hermantown officer on patrol near the intersection of LaVaque and Morris Thomas Roads observed the vehicle traveling northbound on LaVaque Road at a high rate of speed. He performed a traffic stop on the vehicle and asked the occupant if he had made suicidal threats, which the 43-year-old man denied. While speaking with the male, the officer detected an odor of an alcoholic beverage coming from the male. The man submitted to a preliminary breath test, which produced a result of .15% blood alcohol content. The man was issued a citation for 4<sup>th</sup> degree DWI and .08 or more, then taken

to a hospital by Proctor Police for an evaluation, as they were concerned about his welfare.

**Traffic Stops:**

On 04/14/10, Officer Hansen stopped a vehicle at approximately 8:56 p.m. She had observed the vehicle traveling northbound on Stebner Road at speeds of 68 mph and 74 mph. The driver, an 18-year-old female, was issued a citation for speed and no proof of insurance. A short time later, Officer Johnson observed the same vehicle fail to stop for a stop sign at the intersection of Arrowhead Road and Stebner Road and issued the driver a citation for this offense.

On 04/17/10 at approximately 12:14 p.m., an officer on patrol northbound on Stebner Road near the intersection of Maple Grove Road observed a vehicle ahead of him with a suspended object hanging from the rearview mirror, obstructing the driver's view. Upon performing a traffic stop on the vehicle, the officer observed an odor of marijuana coming from the vehicle and the driver. The officer had the driver and passenger exit the vehicle and, with the driver's permission, searched the vehicle for drugs. The officer located two pipes and marijuana in the vehicle. The driver was issued a citation for small amount of marijuana in a motor vehicle and possession of drug paraphernalia.

**Public Assist:**

On 04/16/10, Officer Vedder received a report from the St. Louis County Initial Intervention Unit regarding a possible sexual assault on a juvenile female. Officer Vedder

spoke to the female, who denied anything happening and stated her mother was just trying to get the male in trouble.

**Theft / Burglary / Shoplifting:**

Just after 5:30 p.m. on 04/11/10, Officer Battaglia was advised of a gas drive off at a Miller Trunk gas station. The cashier stated the male driver came in and purchased snacks, but did not pay for the \$36.01 in gas he had pumped. Officer Battaglia contacted the out-of-town registered owner of the vehicle by phone. The 55-year-old male confirmed he was at the gas station and had purchased snacks, but stated he used a card and thought the clerk charged him for the gas. He told Officer Battaglia he would have his son-in-law go to the gas station the following day to pay for the gas.

On 04/13/10 at 12:43 p.m., Officer Wick responded to Walmart for the report of a shoplifter. A 20-year-old female had been observed by Loss Prevention selecting mascara and powder make-up worth \$15.68 and concealing the items in her purse. The female was issued a citation for theft.

**Miscellaneous:**

Shortly before 6 p.m. on 04/11/10, Officer Wick spoke with a male who stated he was riding his bike and saw a laptop computer in the median of Miller Trunk Highway near Stebner Road. Officer Wick responded to the location and located the laptop computer, which had a company sticker on the front. Officer Wick contacted the company to advise them their laptop had been located and a representative of the company picked up the computer.

