



AROUND TOWN

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The following are selected police related incidents that the Hermantown Police Department has responded to between 04/19/09 and 04/25/09.

Disturbances / Domestic / Assaults:

Just after 3 a.m. on 04/19/09, Officer Volk responded to a Miller Trunk gas station on the report of a disturbance. A customer that had heated up a sandwich and got a fountain pop became irate over having to wait for the clerk to count the till. The man left the sandwich in the store, went outside and threw the pop at the building before leaving. The clerk was able to give Officer Volk the license plate number of the vehicle and the description of the angry customer matches the 60-year-old registered owner.

At 5 a.m. on 04/19/09, Officer Volk began investigating the report of a domestic assault that took place in a moving vehicle. A 20-year-old female had called her ex-boyfriend to give her a ride from a party she had been drinking at. After picking her up, he began ripping her clothes, calling her names, and hitting her head on the dash of the vehicle. The woman jumped out of the vehicle at a gas station parking lot. The male was later arrested at his parents' residence in Cloquet and lodged on charges of domestic assault.

On 4/22/09 at 2:25 p.m. Officer Boucher was contacted by the Hermantown High School regarding a student possibly under the influence of alcohol. Upon further

investigation it was determined the student had been up until 1:30 a.m. the previous evening playing video games and was just very tired.

On 04/22/09 at 6:45 p.m., officers were dispatched to the report of an OFP violation. A 36-year-old female and her 37-year-old boyfriend were reporting multiple calls and text messages from the woman's 42-year-old ex-boyfriend. The couple stated the calls included profanity and name-calling, and the text messages were threatening to take the woman's kids away from her. The ex-boyfriend was lodged at the St. Louis County Jail on Order for Protection violation charges.

At 10:54 p.m. on 04/24/09, Officer Volk received a report of a missing 13-year-old female. The juvenile was located a short time later, and stated when she left for school that morning she left her apartment keys at home. She had fallen asleep in the laundry room of her apartment complex while waiting for someone to come home, and a family member located her there.

On 4/25/09 at 7:57 p.m. Officer Wick was dispatched to a loud music complaint on Haines Road. The reporting party stated that numerous cars were parked in the driveway of the involved residence, and loud music had been playing for the past two hours. Upon arrival, Officer Wick could hear the music from inside his squad car. The homeowner was advised and the music was turned off.

Traffic Stops:

On 4/21/09 at 10:59 a.m. Officer Pfeiffer observed a vehicle traveling eastbound on Arrowhead Road with no front license plate,

a suspended object, and a cracked windshield. The driver of the vehicle was found to have revoked driving privileges. The driver was issued a citation for Driving after Revocation and warned for the other violations. The father of a passenger in the vehicle was contacted to bring the vehicle to his house.

On 4/24/09 at 7:02 p.m. Officer Volk stopped a vehicle near the intersection of Maple Grove Road and Lindahl Road. The driver was warned for speeding and suspended object between driver and windshield. The driver, who was from Canada, stated that he had only been in the state for three hours and everywhere he had been the speed limit was 55 mph.

Accidents:

On 4/25/09 at 3:06 p.m. Officer Johnson assisted the Hermantown Volunteer Fire Department on a report of a possible uncontrolled burn on Getchell Road. Residents are reminded that, per the DNR, spring burning restrictions are in effect.

Animal Calls:

On 4/25/09 at 7:14 a.m. Officer Johnson was advised of an injured deer laying partially in the southbound traffic lane of Miller Trunk Hwy near Mall Drive. Officer Johnson responded to the scene and dispatched the wounded deer.

Public Assist:

On 4/24/09 at 8:40 a.m., Officer Johnson received a complaint of a tree cut on the reporting party's property on Rose Road without her knowledge or consent. Officer Johnson noted trees on neighboring properties that were also cut along the power line, and determined that the power company was cutting the trees to prevent them from hitting the power lines.

On 4/24/09 at 1:30 p.m., Officer

Johnson responded to Wal-Mart on a citizen complaint of vehicles parked in designated handicap parking spaces without permits. Officer Johnson found that all vehicles parked in handicap spaces were displaying valid license plates or cards.

At 8:34 a.m. on 04/25/09, Officer Johnson checked on a report of a male who was seen walking northbound in the 5400 block of Miller Trunk Hwy. The same male was seen walking near a car dealership on Miller Trunk Hwy the previous evening around 6 p.m. Officer Johnson made contact with the male, who stated he was on his way to Chisholm to referee a basketball game.

Theft / Burglary / Shoplifting:

On 4/21/09 at 8:57 p.m., officers responded to a security alarm at a private residence on Woodridge Drive. Upon arrival officers located an open door. The residence was cleared and neither the officers nor homeowner found anything out of place or missing.

On 4/21/09 at 1:53 p.m., Officer Pfeiffer responded to Wal-Mart on a report of a shoplifter. Loss Prevention observed the suspect conceal a power adapter in his pocket and attempt to leave the store without paying for the item, valued at \$96.17. Officer Pfeiffer also discovered the suspect had a Douglas County warrant, and transported him to the St. Louis County Jail, where he was lodged on the warrant and issued a citation for theft.

Miscellaneous Numbers:

During Operation Nightcap, between the hours of 9:00 p.m on 4/25/09 and 1:30 a.m. on 4/26/09, Officer Hansen issued warnings to eleven drivers for inoperable rear license plate lights.

