



AROUND TOWN

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The following are selected police related incidents that the Hermantown Police Department has responded to between 04/26/09 and 05/02/09.

Disturbances / Domestic / Assaults:

On 4/27/09 at 10:19 p.m., Officer Pfeiffer was advised of a disturbance complaint in the area of Falcon Drive. The reporting party stated a motorcycle or dirtbike was being driven up and down the road for the past half hour. Officer Pfeiffer responded and made contact with the involved parties, who were advised of the complaint and agreed to call it a night.

Just before 11:30 p.m. on 04/30/09, Officer Vedder was dispatched to investigate the claim that a 9-year-old girl had been assaulted by her mother. The girl had run to a neighbor's house for help after realizing that her nose was bleeding. The woman was unaware that her daughter was not in the home when officers arrived. She was highly intoxicated and unable to clearly state what had happened that evening, but denied hitting her daughter. The woman was lodged at the St. Louis County Jail and the girl was left in the care of her father.

On 05/01/09 at approximately 2:38 p.m., Officers Volk and

Wick responded to a Haines Road address on the report of a domestic assault. A 42-year-old male was lodged at the St. Louis County Jail for striking his 39-year-old girlfriend. The woman was advised to seek medical treatment to determine the extent of her injuries.

At 11:48 a.m. on 05/02/09, Officer Wick and assisting officers were dispatched to investigate the report of a domestic situation. The 18-year-old female victim stated that her ex-boyfriend asked her for a ride and went through her cell phone, finding messages that angered him. She said that he threw her keys away from her while grabbing and pulling at her. She stated that he kicked and punched at her vehicle and when she tried to drive away, he jumped on her hood and windshield, smashing it. The 21-year-old male denied being the aggressor in the situation, stating the female had hit him while driving away and he lost consciousness for several minutes. Officer Wick took the male to the Emergency Room so that his injuries could be looked at before lodging him at the St. Louis County Jail on domestic assault charges.

Traffic Stops:

On 4/27/09 at 4:41 p.m. Hermantown officers stopped a vehicle near the intersection of Midway Road and Hagberg Road. The driver was warned for passing on the right.

On 4/28/09 at 11:15 a.m., Hermantown officers running laser patrol at the

intersection of Miller Trunk Hwy. and Hwy. 194 issued a citation to a driver driving 70 mph in a 55 mph zone. The driver stated she did not know how fast she was going, but knew the posted speed limit was 55 mph.

Accidents:

On 4/27/09 Officer Pfeiffer received information that a Menards employee had witnessed someone push a shopping cart into a vehicle, causing damage. The employee got the plate number, but stated that the incident did not look intentional. The victim of the property damage was given the other party's information and was advised that, because it was not intentional, it was not a criminal matter and would have to be handled in civil court.

On 4/28/09 at approximately 11:13 a.m., Hermantown officers received a report of a hit and run that occurred in the Wal-Mart parking lot. A parked vehicle sustained slight damage to the left rear bumper. Information about the suspect vehicle and driver is unknown at this time.

Animal Calls:

On 4/27/09 at 11:14 p.m., Officer Pfeiffer was advised of a barking dog complaint in the area of Whitetail Drive and Stebner Road. Upon arrival, Officer Pfeiffer could hear a very loud and distinct bark, and located the dog at a residence on Stebner Road. The dog went inside of a garage and quit barking, and Officer Pfeiffer did not receive an answer at the residence after calling and knocking on the door.

On 4/28/09, Officer Pfeiffer received

a call from a resident that had found a male Yellow Lab with a shock collar and no tags. The dog's owner had called previously stating that the dog had run away, and the owner had neglected to put the tags on his collar. The dog was reunited with his owner.

Public Assist:

On 4/26/09 at approximately 6:30 p.m., Officer Wick spoke to a party regarding a custody exchange. The reporting party stated he was to meet the grandparents of his 2 ½-year-old child for an exchange at 5:30 p.m. and they had not shown up. It was discovered that the grandfather thought he was meeting the reporting party at another location.

On 4/28/09 at 9:29 p.m., Officer Pfeiffer received a complaint of a vehicle parked blocking the entrance to the Hermantown Volunteer Fire Station on Stebner Road. After attempting to contact the registered owner with no success, the vehicle was towed.

Theft / Burglary / Shoplifting:

On 4/27/09 at 10:30 a.m., Hermantown officers responded to Sam's Club on a report of a counterfeit \$100 bill a customer had attempted to use during a transaction. The involved person first told officers that she had received the bill during customs exchange at an airport in Sweden, but later admitted that she had also found a \$100 bill in the parking lot of a hotel and kept it. She was unsure if the counterfeit bill was received at the airport or if it was the one she picked up in the parking lot.

