



AROUND TOWN

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The following are selected police related incidents that the Hermantown Police Department has responded to between 05/02/10 to 05/08/10

Disturbances / Domestic / Assaults:

On 05/03/10 at 12:36 a.m., officers were called to a local bar on the report of an assault. A 50-year-old male stated that he had been arguing with an unknown female and as the situation escalated, he told her to hit him. She obliged and punched him in the face, knocking out his front tooth and bloodying his lip. After the assault, she left with friends. The male was able to give license plate information, but the vehicle was from out of state and officers were unable to locate the female suspect.

Just after 10:30 a.m. on 05/05/10, School Resource Officer Vedder responded to the Hermantown Middle School after a fight had taken place between two 11-year-old boys in a bathroom. One boy had injuries to his head after hitting it on a paper towel dispenser. Both boys blamed each other, but each stated that they both participated in the altercation, which witnesses confirmed. Both boys were put in school suspension for the day and their parents and guardians were advised.

On 05/05/10, School Resource Officer Vedder was advised of an altercation that took place after lunch in a hallway in which two males got into a fight. Officer Vedder spoke to both the 15-year-old male and the 16-year-old male that were involved and both stated the other was to blame for the incident. Officer Vedder reviewed the security camera footage from the location and determined that the 16-year-old was the aggressor in the situation; he was issued a citation for disorderly conduct.

Property Damage:

On 05/07/10, Officer Volk was dispatched to a local motel for damage to property. The reporting party, a 30-year-old male, stated that he was borrowing his boss' car and sometime between 10:30 p.m. on 05/06/10 and 8:30 a.m. on 05/07/10, the vehicle had been "keyed" down the entire length of the passenger side of the vehicle.

At approximately 10:44 a.m. on 05/07/10, Officer Volk was advised by the warehouse manager for a furniture store that there was graffiti painted on the wall. The man stated that there had been three juvenile males in their early teens that had been kicked out of the store previously that he believed may be responsible for the damage. The graffiti was large and there were numerous drawings of body parts and obscene words painted on the building.

Accidents:

During this week, officers responded to

three separate accident calls in business parking lots that occurred because vehicles were backing up and didn't see each other.

Public Assist:

At 6:45 p.m. on 05/07/10, a mother called 911 to report that her teenage daughter had taken 30 ibuprofen and a kitchen knife into the bathroom because she was upset that the mother wouldn't drive her to a boyfriend's house. The daughter told officers that she took one ibuprofen for a headache and didn't have any intention of hurting herself, but agreed to go to Miller Dwan with her mother to speak to someone.

Animal Calls:

On 05/08/10 at 11:21 a.m., Officer Hansen was advised by a Hermantown Road resident that an unfamiliar dog was in his yard with a collar but no tags. Officer Hansen took a small black and white Chihuahua to the Friends of Animals Shelter in Cloquet.

Miscellaneous:

Shortly after 9 a.m. on 05/03/10, School Resource Officer Vedder was advised by two high school students that they were worried about their 17-year-old friend. They stated that he had posted a comment about "ending it all" on his Facebook page the previous night and didn't come to school that morning. Officer Vedder contacted the male's mother, who brought him to school to speak to a counselor. The male stated that he had recently gone through a breakup with a girlfriend and was only referring to ending the relationship.

Just after 1:30 p.m. on 05/04/10, Sgt. Marsolek and Deputy Chief Padden,

along with a St. Louis County Deputy, went to a Hermantown restaurant to attempt to locate a 19-year-old male. They had received information that this male, a suspect in several burglaries, was working at the restaurant. Upon placing the male under arrest, Sgt. Marsolek patted him down for officer safety and located a pipe and marijuana in the male's pockets. The man was issued a citation for possession of drug paraphernalia and possession of a small amount of marijuana.

On 05/05/10 at 2:24 p.m., School Resource Officer Vedder was advised by the High School Principal and Athletic Director that they had seen and confiscated drugs and paraphernalia from a student's vehicle. The student spoke to Officer Vedder and admitted that the items were his, but advised he was unaware they were in the vehicle on school property. The 17-year-old male was issued a citation for possession of drug paraphernalia and possession of a small amount of marijuana.

Just after 9 a.m. on 05/08/10, Officer Hansen received information from a 33-year-old woman that the 38-year-old father of her children was refusing to return the kids to her for the weekend even though their divorce decree clearly stated she was to have them for Mother's Day weekend. Officer Hansen reviewed the custody arrangement and advised the male that that he needed to follow it and return the children to their mother.

