



AROUND TOWN

A Publication of the Hermantown Police Department

Date: April 29, 2008 to May 12, 2008

Chief

Michael Anderson

Deputy Chief

Shawn Padden

Sergeants

William Marsolek

Mark Gunderson

Officers

Wayne Boucher (SRO)

Paul Johnson

Tom Wick (K9)

Kristi Hansen

Jozef Miketin (LSDGTF)

Jason Salo

Kody Vedder

Lisa Volk

Daniel Rendulich

Clerical

Jessica Treviranus

Luanne McMillan

Tara Rotta

K-9

Nero



[The following are selected police related incidents that the Hermantown Police Department has responded to between 04/29/08 and 05/12/08.](#)

Disturbances

The Hermantown Police Department responded to three separate incidents where people driving past the Duluth Dodge Store reported that picketers were standing too close to the roadway and were concerned for their safety. On 05/01/08, 05/02/08, and 05/03/08, Officers checked on the picketers and everything was just fine.

Driving While Intoxicated:

On 04/29/08, at 1:42 a.m., Officer Salo stopped a vehicle on Miller Trunk Highway for driving 63 miles per hour in a 50 mile per hour zone. The driver appeared intoxicated and failed field sobriety tests. The 25-year-old male driver was subsequently arrested for DWI. During the arrest, the driver refused to comply with the officer's commands to put his hands behind his back. Officer Salo successfully gained control of the driver and placed him under arrest. The driver later refused to submit a breath sample at the Hermantown Police Department. He was lodged at the St Louis County Jail for 2nd Degree Test Refusal, 2nd Degree DWI, Obstructing Arrest with Force, Driving Without a Minnesota Driver's License, Driving Without Insurance, No Proof of Insurance, and Speeding 63 miles per hour in a 50 mile per hour zone.

On 05/01/08, at 11:01 p.m., Officer Salo was observing the intersection of Getchell Road and Morris Thomas Road. He observed a male with a baseball cap

get out of the driver's seat of a vehicle and get into the passenger side. The passenger got out of his side and got into the driver's seat. The vehicle then took off. Officer Salo observed that this truck had no taillights and he pulled the vehicle over. Both the current driver and the driver Officer Salo observed first were intoxicated. Both were arrested for DWI. The first driver was a 42-year-old male. His blood alcohol content was .14. The second driver was a 64-year-old male. His blood alcohol content was also a .14. The second driver said the reason they switched drivers was that before the intersection, the first driver was weaving back and forth on the roadway. Both were lodged at the St Louis County Jail for 3rd Degree DWI.

On 05/04/08 at 2:17 a.m., Officers were dispatched to an Attempt To Locate call on Haines Road. A person called 911 to report that he observed a male driving a vehicle on the Haines Road that hit a deer and kept on driving for about 2 miles with the deer still stuck under the vehicle. Officer Rendulich found the suspect vehicle parked in the driveway of a Hermantown home with the deer still attached to the vehicle. Officer Rendulich attempted to speak to the driver, but no one would answer the door.

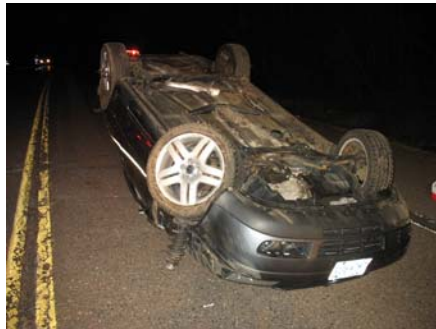


On 05/04/08, at 8:49 p.m., Officers were dispatched to an Attempt To Locate call on Miller Trunk Highway. A cell phone caller reported to 911 that there was a vehicle that was driving all over the road. Officer Rendulich found the vehicle and spoke to the 27-year-old male driver. The driver said he was messing with his cruise control and admitted to crossing partially into the other lane. No signs of alcohol or drugs were

evident. The driver was warned and sent on his way.

On 05/06/08, at 2:40 a.m., Officers Rendulich and Hansen responded to an Attempt To Locate call on Miller Trunk Highway where someone was reporting that they almost were almost run off the road by another vehicle. The caller also believed the other driver was intoxicated. Officers found the vehicle and spoke to the 40-year-old male driver. The driver showed signs of intoxication, refused a preliminary breath test and was subsequently arrested. The driver ultimately also refused to submit to an official breath test. He was lodged at the St Louis County Jail for 3rd Degree Test Refusal, 4th Degree SWI, and Driving over the Center Line.

On 05/09/08, at 10:26 p.m., Officers were dispatched to a single car rollover on the Lavaque ByPass Road in Hermantown. The 23-year-old male driver appeared intoxicated. He was taken to a local hospital to be checked out for injuries. The driver submitted to a blood draw to determine alcohol concentration. Lab results are pending.



Miscellaneous Numbers:

2008 has started off to surpass 2007 and 2006 in relationship to Incidents handled by the Hermantown Police Department. The first four months activity reports have been entered into our Records Management System and here are the totals.

<u>Month</u>	<u>2008</u>	<u>2007</u>	<u>2006</u>
January	588	633	512
February	579	507	393
March	557	625	477
<u>April</u>	<u>623</u>	<u>553</u>	<u>526</u>
Total:	2347	2318	1908

Theft / Burglary / Shoplifting:

On 05/08/08, at 5:48 p.m., Officer Wick was dispatched to Walmart reference a shoplifter complaint. A 16-year-old female attempted to steal \$36.19 worth of items. She was cited for Theft/Shoplifting are released to her mother.

Traffic Accidents:

On 05/01/08, at 4:07 p.m., Officers were dispatched to the area of Stebner Road near the Skyline Lanes and Harley Davidson Store reference a personal injury motor vehicle versus bicycle accident. Preliminary investigation shows that two children on bikes were crossing the Stebner Road. The first child stopped before crossing, but the second child was struck by a southbound minivan. The child was taken to a local hospital to be checked out for possible injuries. This accident is still under investigation by Officer Wick. While Officers were very busy with this investigation and tending to this accident scene, there were two additional accidents that occurred in the immediate area due to drivers not paying attention and focusing their attention to the accident scene and not their driving. The Hermantown Police Department urges all drivers to pay close attention to surroundings and slow down whenever near a crash or where a police officer has a motorist pulled over.

On 05/10/08, at 7:01 p.m., 911 dispatched an officer to Sam's Club on Maple Grove Road reference a Hit and Run Accident. A shopper had her vehicle struck and damaged while it was parked in the parking lot. Officer Hansen is investigating.

Department News:

On April 21st, 2008, Officer Mark Gunderson was promoted to the rank of Sergeant and Officer Jozef Miketin was assigned to the Lake Superior Drug and Gang Task Force. Congratulations to both!



Mike