



AROUND TOWN

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The following are selected police related incidents that the Hermantown Police Department has responded to between 05/10/09 and 05/16/09.

Disturbances / Domestic / Assaults:

On 5/10/09 at 11:36 p.m., Officer Volk, along with surrounding area law enforcement, was advised of a possible kidnapping. A 911 caller witnessed two people pick up and throw another person into a van at a major intersection in Duluth and leave the scene at a high rate of speed. The caller was able to obtain a license plate for the vehicle. Officer Volk and St. Louis County Deputies responded to the address of the registered owner, located the vehicle, and made contact with the involved parties. It was determined that a juvenile male had biked to West Duluth without notifying his parent, and during an argument, the boy had gotten out of the vehicle and refused to get back in. His mother and her boyfriend lifted the juvenile back into the van. All parties were advised that this had appeared to be a kidnapping and the juvenile was told not to get out of the car in the future.

At 12:13 p.m. on 5/11/09, Officer Wick and Sergeant Marsolek responded on a report of a verbal domestic. A caller stated he was flagged down by a pregnant

female on Arrowhead Road. When the caller stopped to assist, a white car pulled up and the female began arguing with the male driver. The female told officers she was upset and was walking to cool off, her destination being her grandmother's residence in Superior. Her boyfriend went out looking for her, not wanting her to walk to Superior. Both parties returned to their residence.

At 9:36 p.m. on 5/12/09, Officer Volk received multiple complaints of two juveniles sitting or laying on the side of the road at the intersection of Maple Grove Road and Stebner Road. Officer Volk located the juveniles and advised them on their conduct. The juveniles were sent home and their parents were notified.

On 5/15/09 at 4:05 p.m. Hermantown officers responded to a residence on Midway Road on a report of a possible physical domestic. The reporting party stated an 18-year-old male had been hitting and pushing a female. Officers determined that the involved parties, a brother and sister, had been arguing over cleaning the house. The female stated that she was slapped in the face by her brother after they began calling each other names. Neither party wanted to pursue charges against the other, and they agreed to separate for the night.

Traffic Stops:

On 5/10/09 at 8:54 a.m., Officer Wick observed a vehicle on Miller Trunk Hwy near Midway Road that appeared to be

traveling faster than the posted 55 mph limit. Radar showed the vehicle to be traveling at speeds of between 66 and 70 mph. The driver told Officer Wick he was on his way to go fishing and was not paying attention. He was advised for speeding, and issued a citation for no proof insurance.

At 3:08 p.m. on 5/15/09, Sgt. Gunderson performed a traffic stop on a speeding vehicle. He observed the driver to not be wearing his seat belt. Upon approaching the vehicle, Sgt. Gunderson determined that the driver had marijuana in the vehicle, along with drug paraphernalia. The 19-year-old male driver was issued a citation for possession of marijuana and drug paraphernalia, and seat belt violation.

Accidents:

On 5/10/09 at 7:52 p.m., Officer Johnson responded to Walmart on a complaint of damage to a vehicle. The reporting party stated a female had hit her car with a shopping cart, scratching it. The female suspect refused to give the reporting party her insurance information, and left the scene. Minor damage was sustained to the involved vehicle. There is no suspect information at this time, as the license plate obtained by the reporting party was incorrect.

At 5:32 p.m. on 5/12/09, Officer Wick was dispatched to a report of a three car accident at Miller Trunk Hwy and Arrowhead Road. One driver, who reported no damage to her vehicle, left the scene prior to Officer Wick's arrival. The other two drivers exchanged information and declined city accident notes.

Animal Calls:

At approximately 1:42 p.m. on 5/13/09, Hermantown officers responded to a residence on Haines Road regarding an ongoing problem with a barking dog. The reporting party stated the dog was left tied up in the front yard all day. The dog would bark and howl at traffic, creating a disturbance. The owner was advised of the complaint and city ordinance, and said she would place her dog where he would not bother the neighbors.

On 5/14/09 at 4:40 p.m., Officers Vedder and Pfeiffer were dispatched to a report of two large dogs running loose in the area of Haines Road and Carlson Road. The owner, who stated he had just moved in to his residence on Haines Road the previous week, was advised to obtain licenses for his dogs and keep them contained in his yard.

Public Assist:

On 5/15/09, Officer Pfeiffer responded to Stebner Park on a report of a male in a white SUV locked inside the fence. The male had flagged down a passerby for assistance. The gate was opened and the male was free to leave.

Theft / Burglary / Shoplifting:

On 05/13/09, Officer Vedder was advised that a vehicle owned by Kolar had been broken into sometime overnight. The window in the driver's door was smashed and the stereo and navigation system were stolen.

