



AROUND TOWN

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The following are selected police related incidents that the Hermantown Police Department has responded to between 05/17/09 and 05/23/09.

Disturbances / Domestic / Assaults:

On 5/21/09 at 9:00 a.m., Officer Vedder was advised of an unruly customer complaint at a Haines Road gas station. A male customer threatened to assault an employee who did not know the price of a two-liter bottle of pop. The employee stated the same male comes into the store several times a week and complains about prices, always saying he is never coming back. Officer Vedder made contact with the male suspect, who had already left the store, and advised him to not return.

Driving While Intoxicated:

Shortly before 11 p.m. on 05/22/09, Officer Pfeiffer observed a vehicle traveling 63 mph in a 50 mph zone on Miller Trunk Highway. Officer Pfeiffer determined that the 50-year-old male driver was intoxicated, and after performing an Intoxilyzer test on him, found him to have a .09 blood alcohol content. The male was arrested for felony 1st degree DWI, driving with a cancelled inimical to public safety driver's license, and violating his driver's license restrictions of no alcohol. A check of the man's

driving record showed eight previous DWIs.

Traffic Stops:

On 5/18/09, Sergeant Marsolek spoke with a party who came to the police department and concerned about a young driver who continually disregards the stop sign on Getchell Road at Anderson Road. The reporting party had followed the vehicle to the Hermantown High School and obtained the license plate number and vehicle description. This information was forwarded to the School Resource Officer Boucher, who made contact with the driver. The driver admitted to running the stop sign and was advised on driving conduct.

At 12:56 a.m. on 05/23/09, Officer Hansen attempted to pull over a vehicle that she observed traveling at a speed of 103 mph on Lavaque Road. As the vehicle went around the corner at Lavaque and Hermantown Road, it struck the curb, causing a tire to go flat. Both occupants fled the scene. A short time later, the vehicle's passenger was located. The 23-year-old male agreed to speak to authorities at that time and stated that he and his friend were on their way back from drinking at a bar when the friend decided to speed. After passing the squad car, the driver stated that he couldn't get another DWI and would rather try to outrun the police. Officers responded to the current residence of the driver, a 26-year-old male, and received no answer to their attempts to make contact. On the morning of 05/24/09, the

driver of the vehicle went to the police department to apologize for his actions and turn himself in. He was arrested and charged with fleeing police in a motor vehicle, reckless driving, and excessive speed. The vehicle is being held pending forfeiture proceedings.

Accidents:

On 5/19/09 at 9:35 p.m., Officer Johnson was dispatched to a report of a car in the ditch in the 4800 block of Miller Trunk Hwy. The driver stated he was southbound on Miller Trunk Hwy and was attempting to turn into Anytime Fitness, and misjudged where the driveway was. Officer Johnson stood by while a tow responded. The vehicle sustained minor damage.

On 5/22/09 at 5:51 p.m., Hermantown officers were advised of a boat that had fallen off of a trailer at Stebner Road and Maple Grove Road. Traffic was backing up as the owners attempted to reload the boat. The involved parties were gone upon the officer's arrival.

On 5/23/09 at approximately 1:00 p.m., Officer Vedder provided traffic control at Morris Thomas Road and Midway Road due to a structure fire in the 5900 block of Morris Thomas Road.

Animal Calls:

On 5/17/09 at 9:57 p.m., a report was received that a vehicle had struck and killed a bear on Miller Trunk Hwy. Officer Johnson advised the DNR, who picked up the bear. The four males in the vehicle were not injured. The vehicle was not drivable and required a tow.

On 5/17/09 at 9:25 p.m., Officer Volk responded to the Mobile Village Trailer Park on a report of a small brown and black wiener dog mix running loose. A check with neighbors yielded no information as to the whereabouts of the owner, and the dog was transported to Cloquet Friends of Animals.

On 5/18/09 at 7 p.m., Officer Volk received a complaint of a large Husky-type dog loose in the 3900 block of Stebner Road. The reporting party described two incidents in which the dog had behaved aggressively. Officer Volk made contact with a female who stated the dog belonged to her son. She was advised on City of Hermantown ordinances pertaining to Dog at Large and Dog License Required.

Theft / Burglary / Shoplifting:

On 5/17/09 at 7:18 p.m., Officer Volk was dispatched to the Whispering Woods Development on a suspicious persons complaint. The reporting party stated she observed people digging up trees on a lot that had previously been for sale. Officer Volk made contact with a party on site, who was the owner planting trees.

On 5/19/09 at 8:12 p.m., Officers Volk and Johnson were dispatched to a security alarm at a Haines Road business. Upon arrival, officers found the front door to the business open, and could hear an audible alarm sounding inside. Officers checked the interior of the building with a key holder, finding no persons inside and no evidence of suspicious activity. The key holder believes the door was left unlocked and strong winds may have blown it open.

