



AROUND TOWN

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The following are selected police related incidents that the Hermantown Police Department has responded to between 05/31/09 to 06/06/09.

Disturbances / Domestic / Assaults:

On 5/31/09 at 1:59 p.m., Officer Vedder was advised of a large number of vehicles parked on Anderson Road between Stebner Road and Haines Road creating a potentially dangerous situation. Officer Vedder found approximately thirty to forty vehicles parked on the north side of Anderson Road for what appeared to be a grad party. The vehicles were pulled off the roadway as far as possible and did not appear to be creating a hazard.

On 6/01/09, just before 2 p.m., Officer Vedder and Sgt. Gunderson responded to the report of a disturbance between a male and his stepfather after the 24-year-old threatened the 61-year-old with a shotgun. The younger man was arrested and lodged at the St. Louis County Jail for assault with a dangerous weapon and terroristic threats.

On 6/03/09 at 2:13 a.m., Officer Johnson checked on a suspicious vehicle in a parking lot at Haines Road and Miller Trunk Hwy. Officer Johnson spoke with a male who stated he was just getting done with work and was

dropping off a truck.

On 6/03/09 at 12:03 hours, Officer Volk was dispatched to the area of Carlson Road and Haines Road on a report of a male out racing on a dirtbike with no license plates. The reporting party stated the driver was not wearing a helmet, nor was a passenger, who appeared to be of toddler age. Officer Volk did not observe the vehicle upon arrival, and was unable to reach the reporting party for information to identify the suspect's residence.

On 6/05/09 at 3:14 p.m., Officer Volk spoke with a person who wanted to report a harassing phone call he received from an estranged relative. The reporting party was concerned the suspect may damage property at his home. Officer Volk advised the reporting party on options, including a change of phone number and directions for obtaining a harassment or protection order if necessary.

On 6/05/09 at approximately 9:00 p.m., Officer Johnson responded to a report of a suspicious person on Lindahl Road. The reporting party stated an unknown male was walking in the woods behind her residence. The male was wearing army fatigues and a military-style backpack and was carrying a shovel. The caller stated her husband had tried to follow the male and make contact with him, but the male did not respond. The suspect was not located.

On 6/06/09 at 3:41 p.m., Hermantown

officers received a request for assistance from a national suicide hotline counselor, who advised that a male caller claimed to be calling from the Hermantown Skate Park. The male was difficult to understand, but the counselor believed the male had said he stabbed someone. Upon investigation at the scene, two juvenile males admitted to making the prank call to the suicide hotline using a cell phone. The juveniles were strongly advised on their conduct and parental notification was made.

Accidents:

On 6/02/09 at 7:47 a.m., Hermantown officers assisted St. Louis County Sheriff's Deputies and the St. Louis County Rescue Squad with a personal injury accident in the 3300 block of Midway Road. Three vehicles, including a bread truck, were involved, and it was necessary to temporarily divert traffic from Midway Road.

On 6/02/09 at 2:15 p.m., Officer Volk assisted the Minnesota State Patrol with a personal injury accident at the intersection of Haines Road and Miller Trunk Highway. A motorcyclist had been injured and was transported to the hospital by ambulance.

On 6/05/09 at 5:51 p.m., Officer Johnson provided traffic control for the Hermantown Volunteer Fire Department as they attempted to extinguish a vehicle fire at Hermantown Road and Stebner Road.

Animal Calls:

On 6/02/09 Sgt. Marsolek was flagged down by a female jogger.

She reported the dog running by her was not hers, and it made her nervous. Sgt. Marsolek followed the light brown Pitbull home to an address on Hermantown Road. The owner admitted to letting the dog run at times, and was cited for No City Dog License, and Dog Running at Large.

On 6/06/09 at 12:45 p.m., Officer Pfeiffer received a complaint of a cat that had jumped into an open car and hissed when it was encouraged to exit the vehicle. The cat returned home, and the owner of the vehicle declined further police action.

Public Assist:

On 6/02/09 at 3:21 p.m., Officer Volk provided traffic control for a disabled vehicle at Mall Drive and Miller Trunk Hwy. The driver reported no fuel pressure for her vehicle, which required a tow from the scene.

Theft / Burglary / Shoplifting:

On 6/02/09 at 10:19 a.m., Sgt. Marsolek and Officer Volk responded to a residence on Ugstad Road at the request of a female who thought she heard glass breaking as she was entering her home. The reporting party waited outside of the residence inside of her vehicle for officers to arrive. Officers checked the residence and did not locate anyone inside.

On 6/03/09, Officer Volk began investigating a reported identity theft. The 50-year-old female victim gave Officer Volk information on a possible suspect, a former caretaker for her father.

