



AROUND TOWN

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The following are selected police related incidents that the Hermantown Police Department has responded to between 06/07/09 to 06/13/09.

Disturbances / Domestic / Assaults:

On 6/09/09 at 11:30 a.m., Officer Pfeiffer was notified of a group of juvenile males walking northbound on Lavaque Road from Morris Thomas Road. The reporting party stated one of the males pulled down his pants and “mooned” him as he drove by. Officer Pfeiffer located the boys and spoke with the suspect, who stated his pants are too big and they fell down. The juveniles were advised and sent home.

On 6/09/09 at 2:40 p.m., Sergeant Gunderson and Officer Pfeiffer responded to a residence on Hermantown Road on a report of an incomplete 911 call. Dispatch advised the line was busy on callback. Upon arrival officers discovered two residents having a verbal argument over the amount of money one person was going to take on a trip the following day. Both parties were advised to leave each other alone for the night.

On 6/10/09 at 9:19 a.m., the Hermantown Police Department received a call regarding a suspicious person on Lavaque Road. The caller stated a male had been at her door at 8:00 p.m.

the previous evening, and was back at 8:00 a.m. Officers located the vehicle described by the reporting party, a dark colored pick-up truck, and spoke with a male, who stated he was selling children’s books. The male did not possess a license to sell door-to-door in the City of Hermantown, and was advised to obtain a license before attempting to sell any more books.

On 06/10/09, officers received a call of possible child abuse. According to the reporting party, while his children were at their mother’s home the previous night, an older child had witnessed the mother hit her 5-year-old on the butt, causing redness and swelling. The reporting party stated the girl did not have any injuries that morning, but did have a photo of the redness from the night before. Officers spoke with the mother, who stated the child was misbehaving and she swatted the girl on the butt, but that the girl did not mention again that evening that she was in pain.

On 6/13/09 at approximately 7:00 p.m., Officer Wick was assisted by Deputies from the St. Louis County Sheriff’s Office in responding to a request for a health and welfare check at an apartment complex. A male tenant had been acting strangely, walking around in undershorts with one shoe on, and was seen ripping up letters and placing small rocks on top of the pieces. Officers had prior contacts with the individual in the past, in which the male had made threats towards law enforcement. The male was transported

to a local hospital for an evaluation.

Traffic Stops:

On 6/09/09 at 11:19 a.m., Officer Pfeiffer attempted to stop a vehicle in the area of Stebner Road and Maple Grove Road for failure to signal turn and speeding. The driver was also warned for inattentive driving, as she did not see the officer's squad car or hear the sirens for three-quarters of a mile prior to pulling over.

Accidents:

On 6/07/09 at 12:07 p.m., Officer Pfeiffer responded to a motor vehicle accident at Old Midway Road and Hermantown Road. A juvenile driver traveling north on Old Midway Road drove through the stop sign at the intersection, hitting a vehicle traveling east on Hermantown Road. The driver stated she was looking for an address and did not see the stop sign. No injuries were reported, but both vehicles had to be towed from the scene. Officer Pfeiffer issued a citation for stop sign violation.

On 6/13/09 at 6:02 p.m., Officer Wick was dispatched to a report of a vehicle in the ditch in the 4600 block of Ugstad Road. The driver stated she swerved to avoid hitting a small animal in the roadway. Officer Wick stood by while a wrecker responded at the driver's request.

Animal Calls:

On 6/07/09 at 1:43 p.m., Officer Pfeiffer transported a white and black male Husky from Walmart to the Cloquet Friends of Animals shelter. The dog had been found running loose in the parking lot the previous day by a Walmart

employee, who had temporarily taken care of it but was no longer able to do so.

Theft / Burglary / Shoplifting:

Shortly before 9:30 p.m. on 06/07/09, Officer Vedder responded to Walmart on the report of a shoplifter. Loss Prevention witnessed a 48-year-old male in the pet department take off his outer shirt and put an unpaid shirt on, then conceal the unpaid shirt by putting his outer shirt back on. He told Officer Vedder that he was going to pay for the shirt, but Loss Prevention stopped him before he could.

On 6/11/09, the Hermantown Police Department received a report of a theft of a brown wicker chair from a resident's yard. The resident lives on Miller Trunk Hwy and he had the chair displayed for sale. The theft is currently under investigation.

On 6/11/09, officers received a report of a theft of a black metal park bench from an address on Keene Creek Lane. Another report of stolen lawn furniture in that area had been received the previous week. It is not known if the incidents are related. No suspects at this time.

Miscellaneous:

On 06/07/09, a woman brought a stop sign to the Hermantown Police Department. She stated she found it on the ground near the intersection of Berkeley and Copley Roads, held onto it for approximately a month, then decided to bring it to the police department. Public Works was notified.

