



AROUND TOWN

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The following are selected police related incidents that the Hermantown Police Department has responded to between 07/05/09 to 07/11/09.

Disturbances / Domestic / Assaults:

On 7/08/09 at 8:23 a.m., a complaint was received that a young male driving recklessly was lighting fireworks and shooting them under other cars. Officer Johnson checked the area from Miller Trunk to Midway and was unable to locate. The vehicle was located a short time later by the DNR.

On 7/09/09 at 2:23 a.m., Officer Pfeiffer noticed a suspicious vehicle parked at the end of Lightning Drive. The male and female occupants both stated they were enjoying the night. Their IDs were checked and they were sent on their way.

On 7/10/09, the Hermantown Police Department received several complaints from residents in the Alexander Road area that their mailboxes had been damaged. Some had heard smashing sounds and vehicle tires squealing during the night, and others thought they might have been smashed with a bat. The theft of a mailbox was reported by a resident on Maribe Drive the same day.

On 7/10/09, Officer Vedder received a report that an 18-year-old female was receiving harassing text messages from a 16-year-old female. One party stated the other owed her money and was threatening to tell her boyfriend things about her. Both were advised to act more mature, and if they could not work it out on their own, they should stay away from each other.

On 7/10/09, Officer Johnson received a call from a local motel reporting a female that did not belong there was passed out in a room, and they wanted her removed. The female was transported to the Chalet, where she waited for her ride.

Driving While Intoxicated:

At 11:26 p.m. on 7/10/09, Office Pfeiffer was on patrol on Arrowhead Road near the intersection of Miller Trunk Highway when he observed a vehicle traveling at 59 mph in a 40 mph zone. After safely clearing the intersection, Office Pfeiffer performed a traffic stop on the vehicle, which pulled into the parking lot of a gas station. The driver opened his car door and a beer can fell out of the door. Officer Pfeiffer observed that the can was empty, but still cold, and that there was another beer can in the vehicle. While the officer was running computer checks in his squad car, the male got out of his vehicle and began yelling that he was not drunk, he was just speeding. Officer Pfeiffer performed field sobriety tests on the driver and gave him a PBT with a result of .139 blood alcohol content. The 34-year-old male was arrested for 4th



degree DWI, .08 or more, and speed.

Traffic Stops:

On 7/06/09 at 3:17 p.m., Officer Volk observed a vehicle with an inoperative brake light fail to signal a turn. A traffic stop was initiated, and marijuana was found in the pocket of the 19-year-old male driver. Three smoking devices were located in a search of the vehicle. The male was cited and released.

On 7/07/09 at 8:26 p.m., Officers Volk and Battaglia stopped a vehicle on the Ugstad Road near the baseball field. The 46-year-old male driver was warned for speed, no driver's license in possession, failure to display license tabs, and was advised that a child under 12 should be seated in the back seat. A PBT was administered with a result of .071, which was below the legal limit. The male said he would be at his son's game, and he was advised not to drink anything if he was going to be driving any more that night.

On 7/09/09 at 1:32 p.m., Officer Vedder viewed a vehicle with a young female kneeling in the backseat with her head out of the window. After stopping the vehicle, she noted a 3-year-old and 5-year-old in the backseat with no seatbelts or boosters. The mother, who was the driver, stated that they always take them off. The driver was advised of the importance of safety restraints. She was cited for two counts of no seatbelt-passenger, and two counts of no booster under 8.

On 7/10/09 at 12:00 a.m., Officer Pfeiffer observed a vehicle go through a stop sign on Lavaque Road

and performed a traffic stop. The driver, who was wearing no clothes except underwear, admitted going through the stop sign and stated he wanted to get home fast from working out. He was cited for a stop sign violation.

Accidents:

On 7/05/09 at 2:52 p.m., a Hermantown officer responded to a report of a motor vehicle accident at Morris Thomas Road and Haines Road. The driver of a vehicle traveling south on Haines Road failed to stop for a stop sign at the intersection and hit a vehicle proceeding through the intersection to go west on Morris Thomas Road. Significant damage was sustained to both vehicles, and a citation for failure to stop for stop sign and no proof of insurance was issued.

Theft / Burglary / Shoplifting:

On 7/07/09, it was reported to Officers Volk and Battaglia that a bicycle was stolen near the pavilion by the skate park on July 6th. It was a light teal colored, 10-speed women's Huffy, belonging to a 14-year-old girl, and was fairly new. No suspects at this time.

On 7/10/09, Officer Pfeiffer was called to Walmart for a shoplifter. A 20-year-old male, who appeared as a woman, had concealed makeup items and a swimsuit top in his purse, and attempted to leave the store without paying. The male admitted to stealing and stated he was homeless. He was cited for theft and escorted from the premises.

