



AROUND TOWN

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Tom Wick (K9)

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K-9

Nero



The following are selected police related incidents that the Hermantown Police Department has responded to between 07/12/09 to 07/18/09.

Disturbances / Domestic / Assaults:

On 7/12/09 at 1:51 p.m., Officer Pfeiffer was dispatched to the intersection of Morris Thomas and Stebner Road, where someone had thrown a bottle at a taxicab and broken the windshield while driving. At the scene, another driver that had been following the cab reported that a rock had been thrown from the woods and broke his windshield. At 2:49 p.m., another driver reported more damage at the same intersection and stated he had seen two males run from the scene. Officer Wick retrieved K-9 Nero and tracked the males to an address on Getchell Road. Residents at that address were questioned, but denied any involvement.

On 7/17/09 at 8:33 p.m., Officer Hansen responded to a report that a female had appeared at a resident's door, acting distraught and looking for a ride. The female was located on Hermantown Road, crying and visibly upset. She had been at the West Duluth street dance and met a guy who gave her a ride on his motorcycle, and then abandoned her on the side of the road. No argument or assault occurred between them. She was intoxicated and incoherent, and could not provide a description. Officer Hansen transported her to Detox.

On 7/18/09 at 1:26 p.m., officers were dispatched to the Walmart parking lot where it was reported a male was yelling loudly at a child in the backseat of a vehicle. Officer Johnson spoke with the male and he related that his daughter was not following instructions, and he admitted to getting quite loud at times. The male and his wife were advised to find other methods of discipline. Officers spoke to the child and she was just fine.

At approximately 3:20 p.m. on 7/18/09, Officer Johnson and assisting officers responded to a Morris Thomas residence to investigate the report of a domestic disturbance. Upon arriving, they observed a male on a motorcycle leaving the residence, but he returned immediately upon seeing the officers. After speaking with both the female that had called 911 and the male that was leaving the residence, it was determined that after an argument about the shower curtain being partly open and the female getting water on the bathroom floor, the male became upset and struck the woman, leaving a visible handprint on her back. The 34-year-old woman stated she hid in another room to call 911 after he blocked her attempts to leave the residence. The 31-year-old male was arrested for 5th degree domestic assault. The victim indicated to officers that she was afraid of retaliation by the male, but was not interested in the information the officers provided regarding obtaining an OFP.

Driving While Intoxicated:

On 7/18/09 at 11:36 p.m., Officer Hansen was dispatched to an accident on Miller Trunk Hwy. One vehicle had rolled over, but there were no injuries. At the scene, the driver of the vehicle that had rolled over showed signs of being intoxicated and, after

performing field sobriety tests, was arrested for 3rd degree DWI. The 20-year-old male was lodged at St. Louis County Jail and his vehicle was towed.

Accidents:

On 7/15/09 at approximately 2:54 p.m., Hermantown officers responded to a report of a one-vehicle accident on Swan Lake Road. The driver stated he leaned over to grab groceries that were falling while traveling westbound on Swan Lake Road. His tire hit the raised cement and his vehicle collided with the guardrail. The driver was transported by Gold Cross Ambulance for minor injuries, and the vehicle was towed from the scene.

At 7:21 a.m. on 7/16/09, officers received the report of an accident at the intersection of Arrowhead Road and Miller Trunk Highway. The reporting party stated that two juvenile males involved in the accident fled the scene. Officers from the Hermantown Police Department and assisting agencies set up a perimeter and searched the area for the males. Chief Anderson located them a short time later near the intersection of Maple Grove Road and Stebner Road and officers detained the boys. Officers determined that after stealing a vehicle in Duluth, the 13-year-old and 15-year-old males had gone for a joyride, and after being involved in the accident fled the scene, stealing bicycles from a nearby apartment complex in an attempt to get away faster.

On 7/16/09 at 8:31 p.m., Officer Hansen was dispatched to Walmart on a report of a parked vehicle that was struck by another car. The reporting party stated the driver of the hitting vehicle did not have insurance. Officer Hansen determined that the registered owner of the hitting vehicle, who was a passenger in the car at the time of the incident, allowed a juvenile driver with only an instructional permit to drive the vehicle, knowing she did not have insurance on

the car. She was issued a citation for uninsured vehicle and permit driving offense for illegal operation.

At 9:40 p.m. on 7/16/09, Officer Hansen received the report of a hit and run accident at the intersection of Maple Grove Road and Midway Road. A 44-year-old male reported that a white truck with a black plow attachment had rear-ended his vehicle at the intersection and immediately left the scene. He attempted to follow the vehicle, but was unable to, due to the truck's high rate of speed. A short time later, Officer Hansen received another report of a hit and run that had occurred approximately 45 minutes early. The reporting party in that incident, an 18-year-old male, gave Officer Hansen two different locations as to where the accident occurred. After meeting the younger male to inspect the damage to his vehicle, Officer Hansen determined that he was driving the white truck with the black plow attachment and advised the driver she knew that he had rear-ended a vehicle and left the scene. The 18-year-old stated he was scared and didn't know what to do. He was issued a citation for hit and run, and he voluntarily submitted to a PBT with the result of .000.

Animal Calls:

On 7/14/09 at approximately 9:10 a.m., Sergeant Marsolek received a report of a dog that was hit by a vehicle. The reporting party stated that while he was pulling into his driveway he struck his neighbor's dog, which was continually allowed to run loose. The owner of the dog was made aware of the accident and went home to care for the injured dog.

Theft / Burglary / Shoplifting:

On 7/13/09 at approximately 6:12 p.m., the Hermantown Police Department received a complaint of a customer attempting to pay for merchandise at a business located on Miller Trunk Hwy with a counterfeit \$20 bill. A Hermantown officer responded and spoke with the customer, who stated he was unaware that the bill was counterfeit. This investigation is ongoing.