



AROUND TOWN

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Lisa Volk

Daniel Rendulich

Griffin Pfeiffer

Clerical

Jessica Treviranus

Luanne McMillan

Tara Rotta

K-9

Nero



Animal Calls:

On 07/15/08, at 8:32 a.m., Officers Hansen and Boucher were dispatched to a business on the Hermantown Road reference two loose dogs that would not leave the property. One of the dogs was a Malamute and the other was a Husky. Officers located the two dogs. They both had City of Hermantown dog tags. Because of these tags, the two dogs were successfully returned to their owner.

On 07/22/08, at 8:27 a.m., Officer Boucher was dispatched to a report of an injured seagull in the parking lot at Wal-Mart. The gull was moved out of the parking lot where it would be safe.

Department News:

On July 21st, 2008, Griffin Pfeiffer started employment with the City of Hermantown as a Police Officer. With Pfeiffer's appointment, the Police Department now has 14 officers. Welcome Griffin!

Tuesday, August 5th, 2008 is National Night Out Against Crime. It is a time for residents to meet and gather with their neighbors. National Night Out is designed to:

- 1) Heighten Crime & Drug Awareness
- 2) Generate support for, and participation in, local anti-crime programs
- 3) Strengthen neighborhood spirit & community police partnerships
- 4) Send a message to criminals – letting them know that the residents of Hermantown are organized and fighting back.

If your neighborhood is having a National Night Out gathering, please contact the Hermantown Police

Department – (218) 729-1200 - and let us know. We would like to make an appearance and answer any questions you may have reference crime and the police department.

Disturbances / Domestic / Assaults:

On 07/16/08, at 2:05 p.m., Officer Hansen was dispatched to a Maple Grove Road residence reference a complaint from a person that there was a large pile of wood stacked near the road and sidewalk. The complainant believed that this was a dangerous situation in the event the logs and wood would topple over onto the road and/or sidewalk. Officer Hansen observed the pile, which was piled two feet from the sidewalk and piled approximately eight feet tall. Hansen spoke to the homeowner and she will have her husband take care of the wood.

On the night of 07/23/08, there were four damage to property / disturbance type calls recorded. A house on the Thompson Rd and another house on the Hermantown Road were "egged". No permanent damage was sustained. The windshield of a vehicle at a Hermantown Road residence was broken by a piece of blacktop and a "Drano bomb" was found on the lawn of a Getchell Road resident's property. Officers Hansen, Rendulich, and Boucher were all involved in these investigations.

Driving While Intoxicated:

On 07/20/08, at 3:24 a.m., Officer Volk stopped to check on a vehicle near the intersection of Lavaque Road and Hermantown Road. The vehicle was parked partially in the driving lane and the vehicle did not have any light on. The vehicle was occupied. In the driver's seat was a 21-year-old female. She said that she was driving the car and it had just died. The driver appeared to be under the influence of alcohol. The driver failed a preliminary breath test and also field sobriety tests. The driver was arrested for driving under the influence of alcohol. The driver's official blood alcohol content was 0.18. She was lodged at the St Louis County Jail and charged with 4th Degree DWI.

Miscellaneous Numbers:

On 07/18/08, the Hermantown Police Speed Trailer was set up on the Stebner Road near Adrian Lane. The trailer captured speeds from vehicles that were traveling northbound on Stebner Road. Between 6:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m., 1,837 vehicles went by the speed trailer. 1,045 of them were traveling over the posted 40-mile per hour speed limit. The average speed was 41 miles per hour. The highest speed recorded was 59 miles per hour. The following is a breakdown of the number of vehicles and speed they were going.

0-10 mph	3 vehicles
11-20 mph	9 vehicles
21-30 mph	46 vehicles
31-40 mph	734 vehicles
41-50 mph	1023 vehicles
51-60 mph	22 vehicles

Suspicious Persons/Vehicles:

On 07/16/08, at 2:12 p.m., an Arrowhead Road resident called 911 because a suspicious person came into their driveway and saying that they ran out of gas and were requesting money from the resident. Officer Boucher found the vehicle and observed that there were two people near the vehicle with a gas can.

On 07/20/08, at 2:53 a.m., Officer Volk checked on a suspicious occupied vehicle parked at the Lakes 10 theatre. An 18-year-old male and an 18-year-old female were identified and sent on their way.

On 07/22/08, at 3:55 a.m., Officer Rendulich stopped and checked on three juveniles who were walking near the BP Gas station near Hermantown Road. Two of them were 14 years old and one was 15 years old. All three claimed that they couldn't sleep, so they took a walk. Upon a search of a backpack they were carrying, it was revealed that they had spray paint, permanent markers, a camera and flashlights. They admitted that they were going to "TAG" the building but decided not to. All three were issued tickets for curfew violation and transported home.

Theft / Burglary / Shoplifting:

On 07/14/08, at 7:24 a.m., Officer Hansen took a report of a construction trailer being broken into on the Stebner Road. Stolen from the trailer was a Red Honda 3500

generator. Officer Hansen is continuing to investigate.

On 07/14/08, at 9:23 a.m., a Boulder Drive resident reported that two boxes of checks were stolen from her mailbox and that an unknown person in the Duluth area was using the checks. Officer Hansen is investigating.

On 07/14/08, at 11:05 a.m., it was reported that a handgun, GPS, cooler and miscellaneous electronics were stolen from a vehicle parked at a Haines Road business. The handgun was later located in a stolen vehicle in Duluth. Officer Boucher and Sgt. Marsolek are investigating.

On 07/15/08, at 2:36 p.m., a Lindahl Road business reported that sometime in the last two weeks, a catalytic converter worth \$400.00 was cut off of their company van. Officer Hansen is investigating.

On 07/17/08, at 9:00 a.m., someone stole a yellow mongoose bicycle from the Hermantown Hockey Arena on Ugstad Road. Officer Johnson is investigating.

On 07/20/08, at 9:08 a.m., a small silver vehicle left the Holiday Station Store on Haines Rd. without paying for \$39.61 worth of gas. Officer Johnson is investigating.

Sometime between July 18th and July 21st, someone broke into a job site trailer at the new Menards construction site and stole a Stihl chop saw and a Honda 2000W generator. Officer Boucher is investigating.

Traffic Accidents / Traffic Control:

On 07/19/08, the 2008 Air Show was held at the Duluth Airport. The overwhelming amount of traffic and people that attended the event caused congestion along Miller Trunk Hwy and many of the roads that connect to the Highway, especially after the show.

At 10:14 a.m., 911 received a complaint from a cell phone caller upset about the traffic congestion at the intersection of Miller Trunk Hwy and Arrowhead Road. Officer Johnson was dispatched to try to provide extra traffic control.

***** If anyone has any information leading to the arrest and/or capture of those involved in any of these selected incidents or any criminal activity with in the City of Hermantown, please call the Hermantown Police Department (218) 729-1200 *****

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