



AROUND TOWN

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The following are selected police related incidents that the Hermantown Police Department has responded to between 07/19/09 to 07/25/09.

Disturbances / Domestic / Assaults:

On 7/19/09, Officer Pfeiffer received a call from a resident that was having a dispute with a neighbor regarding a shared driveway. The reporting party stated he was going to put up a gate because he no longer wanted the neighbor driving on his property, and there might be trouble because of it. The resident was advised that this was a civil issue, and the situation was documented as a matter of record.

On 7/22/09, Officers Volk and Battaglia responded to the Hermantown Car and Pet Wash in reference to damage caused the previous night to two car wash stalls. At approximately 8:50 on 7/21/09, two vehicles had done burnouts in the stalls, causing considerable damage to the floors. Officers Volk and Battaglia are reviewing surveillance video in an attempt to identify the suspects.

At 12:08 p.m. on 7/22/09, Officers Volk and Battaglia, along with Sgt. Marsolek, responded to a Miller Trunk Hwy gas station on the report of an assault. A 35-year-old male group home resident had become

upset with a 22-year-old female staff member and had punched her multiple times in the face while traveling in a vehicle. The woman had pulled into the parking lot and ran from the male; however, he followed her and kicked her. A 56-year-old male in another vehicle witnessed the assault and came to the assistance of the female, causing the younger man to become upset and assault the Good Samaritan. The 35-year-old was issued citations for two counts of assault. He was left in the custody of the group home supervisor.

On 7/22/09 at 3:11 p.m., Officers Volk and Battaglia responded to a report from a woman that a male had been honking at her because she would not go through a yellow light. The male then followed her to Walmart parking lot and yelled at her, asking where she learned to drive while trying to open her car door. The male was gone on arrival. Officers were unable to follow up, as the plate and vehicle description given did not match.

On 7/22/09 at 11:53 p.m., Officer Wick noticed a suspicious occupied vehicle parked at Starvin Marvins. The 52-year-old male inside stated that an employee at the restaurant gave him permission to sleep in his car overnight.

On 7/23/09 at 6:46 a.m., Officers Volk and Battaglia checked on a report of a suspicious male in a vehicle parked outside a residence on Country Road. The male worked for a construction company, was early for work, and was

just waiting in his vehicle to start work at 7 a.m.

Accidents:

On 7/20/09 at 12:09 p.m., Officers Volk and Battaglia responded to the Walmart parking lot on a report of an accident that occurred on Mall Drive. An 18-year-old male was issued a citation for no insurance, no proof of insurance, and failure to display current tabs. The 45-year-old female passenger in that vehicle was taken to the hospital via Gold Cross for treatment of injuries. The other vehicle was driven by a 27-year-old male that had left the scene of the accident and parked in the parking lot. After officers located him, he complained of injuries to his wrist. Based on his behavior while speaking with officers, it was determined that he was likely on some type of controlled substance and he was transported to the hospital for a blood test. His 24-year-old girlfriend and three children under the age of 6 were allowed to leave the scene after speaking with officers. Charges are pending for 1st degree driving under the influence, criminal vehicular injury, no insurance, driving after revocation, no proof of insurance, no child restraint system used, failure to yield, false name given to police officer, improper plates displayed, and failure to display current tabs.

On 7/22/09 at 1:15 p.m., Officers Battaglia and Volk responded to the report of a property damage accident. A 79-year-old female traveling westbound on Maple Grove Road had not stopped at the stop sign at the intersection with Stebner Road and her vehicle struck a vehicle driven by a 51-year-old woman. The

older woman stated she was not sure why she didn't stop at the stop sign and she was issued a citation for failure to stop and no proof of insurance.

Theft / Burglary / Shoplifting:

At 12:15 p.m. on 7/20/09, Officer Boucher responded to Sam's Club reference an employee theft. A supervisor stated that they had become suspicious of this employee when they observed her going through a checkout line after her purchasing privileges had been suspended for writing bad checks. The 21-year-old female employee admitted to appropriating members' gift cards over the previous month to use for purchases. The employee was issued a citation for theft.

At 7:22 a.m. on 7/22/09, a Hermantown business reported a burglary of many items, including tools, construction equipment, and tires. Officers responded to the scene and found that entry to the property had been made from an adjoining property through a cut fence. Officers were able to determine several suspects and search warrants were executed. One male was arrested and lodged at the St. Louis County and charges were requested from the St. Louis County Attorney's Office for two additional males. Investigation continues.

On 7/24/09, a Hermantown business reported receiving a counterfeit check dated 6/30/09. Officer Pfeiffer investigated the matter and found that the check was written on an account that was closed on 7/2/09 after a report of lost or stolen checks. Officer Pfeiffer advised the business the check they received was not counterfeit.