



# AROUND TOWN

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*The following are selected police related incidents that the Hermantown Police Department has responded to between 07/26/09 to 08/01/09.*

## Disturbances / Domestic / Assaults:

On 7/27/09, Hermantown Police received a phone call from a male reporting that when his teenage daughter was at Walmart three days earlier, she came out of the store with friends to find a male urinating on her car. She knew the male and has had issues with him in the past. The incident was documented as a matter of record.

On 7/28/09, a resident reported that his neighbor was intimidating and bullying him. The neighbor had pulled up in front of his house, called him names, and was harassing him. The reporting party was advised by Officer Boucher to contact the court and obtain a harassment order.

On 7/29/09 at approximately 7:37 p.m., Officers Wick, Volk, and Battaglia responded to a residence on a report of a physical domestic. A female called 911 to report that her husband had pushed her and slapped her in the face. Upon arrival, officers spoke with the involved parties, who are in the process of a divorce and were arguing over property. The female declined medical attention and did not wish to provide a

written statement. She was provided a crime victim information card, and the male was instructed to leave the premises.

On 7/31/09 between 7 and 9 p.m., several calls were received in reference to a male going door to door selling cleaning products. The male claimed to have a permit, but did not have it with him and, in fact, believed he was in the City of Duluth. He was warned by Officer Volk regarding city ordinance 460.03.2, Peddle Without a Permit, and was sent on his way.

At approximately 4:53 a.m. on 8/01/09, Officer Wick responded to an address on Timber Ridge Lane after a disturbance was reported. A 27-year-old male told dispatch that his 24-year-old girlfriend had thrown a pillow at him and kicked him in the back. Officer Wick determined that they had an argument after the female became angry that the male did not pick her up after he got off work. The male left the residence to prevent further arguing.

## Driving While Intoxicated:

At 3:15 a.m. on 7/26/09, Officer Hansen stopped a vehicle near Haines Road and Morris Thomas Road for driving over the fog line. After performing field sobriety tests, Officer Hansen determined the 34-year-old female was intoxicated and had a .144% blood alcohol content on her preliminary breath test. The driver was issued a citation for 4<sup>th</sup> degree DWI, .08 or more, and no proof of insurance before

being released to her sober sister.

On 7/31/09, an attempt to locate was received on a weaving vehicle. The driver appeared intoxicated as his head was bobbing up and down, and he was gripping the steering wheel. The vehicle was located in a business parking lot on Miller Trunk Hwy, and the 38-year-old male driver refused to perform field sobriety tests. He was arrested and transported to the Hermantown Police Department where, after contacting an attorney, he agreed to an Intoxilyzer test. The Intoxilyzer result was .22, and the male was brought to St. Louis County Jail and lodged on the charge of 3<sup>rd</sup> degree DWI.

**Accidents:**

On 7/28/09 at 10:12 a.m., Hermantown officers were advised of an erratic driving complaint. A 911 caller stated a vehicle traveling northbound on Midway Road was all over the roadway, crossing into the oncoming traffic lane, and only traveling at approximately 20 MPH. While an officer was responding to the area, 911 received a second call reporting the suspect vehicle had just rear-ended a car stopped at the railroad crossing near the Adolph Store. The driver of the hitting vehicle said he had just been released from the hospital and didn't believe he was having any problems driving. He stated his foot had slipped off of the brake and hit the gas, causing him to hit the vehicle stopped for traffic at the railroad crossing. The driver was cited for Inattentive Driving, No Proof of Insurance, and Expired Registration. The driver was not allowed to continue driving his vehicle.

Shortly before 10 p.m. on 7/31/09, Officer Wick responded to Mall Drive and Miller Trunk Highway on the report of a property damage accident. The 18-year-old male driver thought he was in the turn lane onto Mall Drive, but he was actually near Duluth Dodge. The vehicle drove onto the grassy median and struck a traffic sign. The driver was cited by MNDOT for the sign.

**Public Assist:**

On 7/28/09, a black purse was turned in to Hermantown Police that had been found lying on the Miller Trunk Highway near Walmart.. The purse contained ID and over \$1,000.00 in cash. The owner was contacted and stated she had placed the purse on top of her car, where she had forgotten it and driven off. The owner reclaimed her items at the Hermantown Police Department.

**Theft / Burglary / Shoplifting:**

On 7/30/09 at 10:28 a.m., the Hermantown Police Department received a report of a check card stolen from a residence on Maple Grove Road. The reporting party noted fraudulent charges on her bank account and discovered the card was missing from the residence, possibly taken during an anniversary party earlier that week. This investigation is ongoing.

On 8/1/09 at 4:55 p.m., Officer Johnson was called to Walmart regarding a shoplifting incident. A 19-year-old male had been observed taking a \$4.00 item from the tool aisle and concealing it in his pocket. He was stopped by Loss Prevention when he left the store without attempting to pay for the merchandise. The male was cited for shoplifting and released.