



AROUND TOWN

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The following are selected police related incidents that the Hermantown Police Department has responded to between 08/02/09 to 08/08/09.

Disturbances / Domestic / Assaults:

On 8/03/09, the Hermantown Police Department received several reports of damage done to mailboxes the previous night at addresses throughout the city. Complaints indicated the mailboxes were hit with a hard object. No description of the vehicle was obtained. There are no suspects at this time.

On 8/04/09 at 1:54 a.m., Officer Vedder was patrolling in the area of Lavaque and Arrowhead Road and viewed a large number of parked vehicles at a residence, with about 10-12 people who appeared to be juveniles standing outside. As she approached, some of the individuals ran into the woods. With the assistance of Officer Johnson and Officer Pfeiffer, the partygoers were identified and given breath tests. Eight underage consumption citations were issued, and one included a charge of false name to police. Officers also confiscated a small amount of marijuana, and a marijuana pipe from the residence.

On 8/05/09 at 9:27 p.m., officers were dispatched to a residence on

Stebner Road where an intoxicated female was trying to break a window to get in. The woman stated she wanted to say goodnight to her 3-year-old son, who was staying at the residence. It was decided the child should remain at the residence, and the mother went home in a cab.

On 8/06/09 at 3:53 a.m., Officer Wick was dispatched to an address on Reinke Road. A resident reported that someone had pounded on her window, howled and screamed, and then ran away. The area was checked with a K-9, but officers were unable to locate a suspect, as there were no tracks in the wet grass.

On 8/06/09 at 5:02 a.m., Officer Wick was patrolling in the area of Keene's Creek Park and observed that a portable toilet had been tipped over during the night. The white letters "KEG" were painted on the guardrail behind where the portable toilet was. Photos were taken and the incident was documented as a matter of record.

On 8/06/09 at 8:29 a.m., officers were dispatched to an address on Morris Thomas Road to the report of a gunshot that broke a window and embedded into an interior wall. The homeowners advised that they had been awakened over a week ago at an early hour by a loud crack, then heard tires squeal and a vehicle leave. They noticed the damage after the window had finally shattered and fell to the ground. Photos were taken and records were checked for suspicious

vehicles in the area at that time.

On 8/06/09 at 1:55 p.m., officers were advised of a road rage incident that had begun on the Maple Grove Road. The reporting party stated that he passed a truck that then followed him to his residence, and the driver threatened him with a bat. The other party was contacted and he stated that he followed a reckless driver to get a license plate, and the male pulled a knife and threatened him, so he grabbed a handle from an axe to protect himself, then left in his truck. Both parties were advised.

Traffic Stops:

On 8/05/09 at 10:12 a.m., a 40-year-old male was stopped on Miller Trunk Highway and was arrested for driving with a license that had been cancelled inimical to public safety since 2005. The driver stated that he knew he shouldn't be driving, but was on his way to necessary classes to take care of his license, and had no other way to get there. His vehicle was towed and impounded.

Accidents:

On 8/03/09 at approximately 3:48 p.m., Dispatch advised area officers of an attempt to locate for a vehicle southbound on Hwy 53 near Independence that hit a construction barrel and was swerving all over the road. Officer Johnson located and stopped the suspect vehicle at Miller Trunk Hwy and Stebner Road. The driver admitted to hitting the construction barrel, stating his vehicle wandered to the side of the road and hit the barrel while he was lighting a cigarette. His driver's side mirror was broken off as a result of the collision. Officer Johnson determined the driver was sober,

collected his insurance information, advised him on his driving conduct, and released him.

On 8/08/09 at 2:59 a.m., Officer Wick was advised of a vehicle rollover northbound Miller Trunk Hwy north of Ugstad Rd. The driver stated she swerved to avoid an unknown object in the roadway and went sideways, rolling the SUV she was driving multiple times. The driver was not seriously injured and the vehicle was towed from the scene.

Theft / Burglary / Shoplifting:

On 08/03/09, Officer Hansen received a report that a gas-powered generator worth over \$2600.00 was stolen from a locked container on the side of truck parked near Sam's Club in the construction zone. There are no suspects at this time.

On Tuesday, 08/04/09, between 6 and 7 p.m., windows were smashed on three vehicles that were parked in the Fichtner Field parking lot at Ugstad and Maple Grove Road, and purses were stolen. The victims had all been attending a soccer game at the field just north of the parking lot. A juvenile witness, who had been at the skatepark, provided some information. These thefts are currently under investigation by the Hermantown Police Department.

On 8/08/09 at approximately 6:22 p.m. Officer Wick took the report of a ten-foot aluminum single axle utility trailer that was stolen from a residence on Getchell Road. At this time there are no suspects.

