



AROUND TOWN

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The following are selected police related incidents that the Hermantown Police Department has responded to between 07/26/08 and 08/10/08.

Animal Calls:

On 07/27/08 at 8:07 p.m., a small yellow lab with no collar or tag was found in the Deerfield Townhomes. The dog was transported to the Friends of Animals Shelter in Cloquet.

On 07/28/08 at 9:17 a.m., a pitbull and Doberman were reported hanging around Lucky's Sales and Service. Both dogs had black collars on, but no tags identifying them. Both were transported to Friends of Animals in Cloquet.

On 08/01/08 at 8:38 p.m., Officer Rendulich was dispatched to the Timber Ridge Townhomes reference a cat neglect report. The caller said there was a cat in a garage for two days and he didn't think it had food or water. The owner of the garage opened the door and the cat was released. It did not belong to the garage owner. It must have been trapped inside with out the garage owner knowing. The cat appeared familiar as a "neighborhood cat".

Disturbances / Domestic / Assaults:

On 07/27/08 at 11:20 p.m., an 18-year-old male and a 16-year-old female were identified and sent on their way after being found parking at the Hermantown Elementary School.

On 07/29/08 at 11:56 a.m., a Matthew Blvd resident called 911 to report that a neighbor was throwing fish guts out in the yard and they "stunk." Officer Vedder investigated and found no fish gut or loose garbage, only some bagged garbage near the trailer.

On 07/30/08 at 7:05 p.m., the

Hermantown Police Department received a complaint from a Hermantown Road resident about a semi truck trying to sell unclaimed furniture. The resident was advised that these people had a permit from the city to sell the items.

On 07/30/08 at 8:18 a.m., Officer Vedder was dispatched to the Skyline Bowling Lanes reference damage to some video games inside their game room. Someone wrote "Native Mafia" all over them. Officer Vedder has identified some suspects and is still investigating.

On 07/31/08 at 4:12 p.m., Officer Vedder was dispatched to an address on the Arrowhead Road reference someone in a gorilla suit jumping into traffic. Vedder checked the area and was unable to locate anyone in a gorilla suit.

On 08/01/08 at 4:43 a.m., Officer Rendulich was dispatched to Jamilee Drive reference a 20-year-old female who had left her group home in West Duluth earlier in the evening and ended up on Jamilee Drive. The 20-year-old female was transported back to the group home.

Driving While Intoxicated:

On 08/07/08 at 1:48 a.m., Officer Hansen stopped a vehicle near the intersection of Stebner Road and Hermantown Road for displaying January 2008 license plate tabs. The 31-year-old male driver of the vehicle appeared intoxicated. He failed field sobriety tests and was placed under arrest. The driver's blood alcohol content was .18. The driver was cited for 4th Degree DWI and Expired Tabs and released to a sober adult.

Miscellaneous:

The Hermantown Police Department assisted eight people during this time period with unlocking their vehicles after they locked themselves out.

On 07/29/08 at 1:57 p.m., Officer Vedder stopped a vehicle near Miller Trunk Highway and Arrowhead Road for not having two brake lights. The 25-year-old female driver ended up being arrested for a \$300.00 local warrant, Driving

After Revocation, and Open Bottle. She was warned for having a cracked windshield and not having two brake lights.

On 08/01/08 at 9:33 p.m., Hermantown Police Officers assisted the Bureau of Criminal Apprehension, Fergus Falls Police Department, Duluth Police Department, and Fargo Police Department execute a search warrant at a Maple Grove Road residence. Numerous stolen items were recovered from various burglaries/thefts.

On 08/01/08 at 12:38 p.m., Officer Vedder assisted MN Power remove an electrical box from a Matthew Blvd home for failing to pay the electrical bill.

On 08/02/08 at 2:06 a.m., Officer Rendulich stopped a vehicle near Okerstrom Road and Hermantown Road for suspiciously driving slowly around a closed business and for driving through a construction zone. Upon investigation, the 31-year-old male driver was arrested for a \$3,000.00 warrant, 5th Degree Possession of a Controlled Substance, Driving After Revocation, and Driving Around a Barricade. The 24-year-old female passenger was also arrested for 5th Degree Possession of a Controlled Substance, Possession of Drug Paraphernalia, False Name to a Police Officer, and warrants.

Theft / Burglary / Shoplifting:

On 07/28/08 at 9:26 a.m., Menards Contractors contacted 911 to report the theft of three copper condenser panels from the job site. Officer Boucher is investigating.

On 07/30/08 at 1:32 p.m., a Haines Road resident called the Hermantown Police Department to report that he let someone use his garage to store household goods and now that person will not remove them. He wanted the police to investigate and charge the person with “theft of garage space.”

On 07/30/08 at 3:59 p.m., a Hermantown Road business reported the theft of 120 truck radiators. The thefts were reported to have occurred within the last year. Officer Boucher is investigating.

On 07/31/08 at 4:09 p.m., the Haines Road Auto Stop reported a \$46.88 gas drive off. The driver of the vehicle purchased items in

the store and paid for the merchandise. He thought that the clerk put the gas on the charge, but they didn't. The driver returned and paid for the gas.

On 08/02/08 at 3:11 p.m., someone reported that the Coca Cola pop machine at the Hermantown Skateboard Park had been broken into. The machine was damaged and money stolen. Officer Volk is investigating.

On 08/03/08 at 5:24 p.m., a \$52.76 gas drive off was reported from the Hermantown Road BP. Officer Volk is following up on the investigation.

On 08/03/08 at 6:59 p.m., it was reported that the Coca Cola pop machine at the Hermantown Baseball Park/Skate Park on Ugstad Road had been broken into. This was the second time in a week that this occurred. Officer Wick is investigating.

On 08/05/08 at 6:26 a.m., Menards reported to the Hermantown Police Department that copper coils were stolen out of two of their roof units that were in the parking lot during construction. Officer Volk is investigating.

On 08/05/08 at 11:30 a.m., a Getchell Road resident reported that lumber from their job site had been stolen over the weekend. Officer Boucher is investigating.

Traffic Crashes:

On 07/28/08 at 3:10 p.m., a vehicle rear-ended the back of a semi-trailer near the intersection of Stebner Road and Arrowhead Road. The vehicle driver was issued a citation.

On 07/29/08 at 5:22 p.m., Officer Vedder was dispatched to an Attempt To Locate complaint in the area of the Timber Ridge Townhomes. The 911 caller reported that she was run off the road by an oncoming vehicle that was driving over the centerline.

On 08/01/08 at 5:37 a.m., Officer Vedder was dispatched to a motorcycle versus deer crash on the St Louis River Road. The driver of the motorcycle came over the top of a small hill and collided with a deer. The deer was killed and the motorcycle driver was injured.



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