



AROUND TOWN

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The following are selected police related incidents that the Hermantown Police Department has responded to between 08/09/09 to 08/15/09.

Disturbances / Domestic / Assaults:

On 8/10/09 at 12:47 a.m., Officer Vedder was dispatched to a local motel to the report of a female who was drunk and causing a disturbance. She was removed from the motel and brought to Detox. While being transported there, the woman threatened the officer several times, and at Detox she attempted to assault Officer Vedder. The incident was recorded as a matter of record.

On 8/10/09, Public Works reported damage to a sewer lift station on Lightning Drive/Stebner Road. The control panel had been pried open, and power controls had been tampered with, causing a potential sewer backup. No known damage was caused by sewer backup. Damage to the lift station was estimated at \$200.00.

On 8/11/09 at 10:28 p.m., Officer Pfeiffer received a suspicious person complaint from a resident in the 3900 block of Sangstrom Road. The caller reported that a male attempting to sell books had "peeled" out of his driveway after the homeowner requested his identification. Officer Pfeiffer

checked the area but was unable to locate the suspect. Hermantown residents are encouraged to call 911 or the Hermantown Police Department regarding suspicious solicitors. A peddler permit issued to a party earlier this summer was revoked due to a large number of citizen complaints regarding the solicitor's behavior.

On 8/15/09 Officer Wick received a report from Starvin Marvin's that someone had filled their dumpster half full of trash. Surveillance video showed a Chevy Suburban drive in and unload garbage into the dumpster. Address information was found within the trash. The suspect was contacted, admitted to dumping the trash, and agreed to return and collect it. No charges were filed.

Driving While Intoxicated:

On 8/14/09 at 12:52 a.m., a 41-year-old female was stopped along Miller Trunk Hwy near Mall Drive for swerving within her lane and crossing over the fog line. The woman admitted to having consumed alcohol and agreed to perform field sobriety tests. She was then transported to the Hermantown Police Department for an Intoxilyzer Test, which showed a result of .11. She was arrested for 4th degree DWI and .08 or more, and was taken to the St. Louis County Jail.

Accidents:

On 8/12/09 at 12:44 p.m., Officer Hansen was dispatched to Sam's Club to the report of a property damage accident. A

52-year-old male driver had backed into an unattended parked vehicle. There was no visible damage. The driver stated he had insurance, but did not provide proof within 72 hours, so a citation was issued.

On 8/13/09 at 1:56 p.m., Sergeant Marsolek responded to Mall Drive on a report of a two car accident. A vehicle exiting the Wal-Mart parking lot collided with a vehicle traveling southwest on Mall Drive from Miller Trunk Hwy. The driver leaving Wal-Mart had a stop sign, but said she was distracted by other traffic.

Animal Calls:

On 8/10/09 at 6:56 p.m., Officer Johnson received a call from a male who had been by the track at the high school when a wet dog that was running loose had jumped on him. The reporting party stated he confronted the dog owner, and told him he should leash the dog if he could not control it. The dog owner then did leash the dog, but called the reporting party names. The incident was documented as a matter of record.

On 8/11/09 at 2:16 a.m., a complaint was received from an unknown caller regarding a dog barking in the Radar Road area. Caller stated this is an ongoing problem. Officer Vedder checked and heard a bark, but could not determine which house it came from.

Public Assist:

On 8/10/09 at 2:07 p.m., Officer Hansen was dispatched to a residence on Midway Road to check on an elderly couple. Their daughter, who lives out of town, had been unable to reach them by phone

and was concerned for their welfare. Upon arrival, Officer Hansen located the caller's father, who working in the garage while his wife was napping, and the phone was off the hook. The reporting party was informed that everything was fine.

Theft / Burglary / Shoplifting:

On 8/09/09 at 11:29 a.m., Officer Hansen received a report from a Timber Ridge resident that his tackle box had been stolen from his boat, which was parked near the garage and was covered. The boat cover had been peeled back and the tackle box removed. The box contained approximately \$500.00 worth of tackle. There are no suspects at this time.

On 8/09/09 at 6:50 p.m., Officer Vedder was dispatched to a business on Menard Drive for the report of a GPS stolen from a vehicle. The victim stated he had been inside a business for approximately twenty minutes and had not witnessed anyone near his vehicle during that time. Entry may have been made through a partially opened window.

On 8/13/09 at approximately 3:17 p.m., Officer Wick received a report of a church that had been burglarized. The suspect(s) gained entry by prying open a window and stole a computer, microphones, and guitar. Officer Wick is investigating.

