



AROUND TOWN

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The following are selected police related incidents that the Hermantown Police Department has responded to between 08/23/09 to 08/29/09.

Disturbances / Domestic / Assaults:

On 8/23/09 at about 2:47 p.m., Officer Wick received a complaint of obscene graffiti spray painted on the garage of a residence on Benson Road. A neighbor notified the homeowner of the explicit depictions. It is believed the damage may have occurred the evening of the 21st. At this time there are no suspects.

On 8/25/09 at 9:41 p.m., Officer Pfeiffer was dispatched to an address on Thompson Road where there was a report of a loud party with several people in attendance shooting off large cannon type fireworks. The officer arrived and observed a small gathering of adults and a few children outside at a campfire. The homeowner admitted to shooting off bottle rockets. He was advised about the fireworks ordinance, and he agreed not to light anymore and to keep the noise down.

On 8/25/09 at 11:20 p.m., Officer Pfeiffer noticed a suspicious maroon Chevy parked at Fichtner Field. He spoke with the driver and she indicated that she was there with her daughter looking

for a lost purse. The purse was located.

On 8/26/09 at 10:36 a.m., a resident on Anderson Road called to report that someone had placed a "pop bottle bomb" in her mailbox and damaged the mailbox. There are no suspects at this time.

Driving While Intoxicated:

At 6:01 p.m. on 8/24/09, Hermantown officers were advised of an attempt to locate for a vehicle reportedly all over the roadway. At one point the vehicle left the road completely, striking a parked vehicle for sale in front of Saturn of Duluth. The reporting party followed the suspect vehicle to Deerfield Townhomes, and officers detained the female driver at that location after watching her erratic driving behavior within the parking area. The 43-year-old female chose to complete only one field sobriety test, and after completing an Intoxilyzer test at the police department, the woman was transported to the St. Louis County Jail, where she was lodged on charges of 2nd degree DWI, .08 or more, hit and run, and driving after revocation. Officers found that the woman had several recent DWIs and her vehicle was seized for forfeiture.

Traffic Stops:

On 8/26/09, Officer Pfeiffer stopped a vehicle with expired plates on Arrowhead Road. The driver had been cited earlier in the day by Duluth Police for expired tabs. The 51-year-old female was warned and told to drive straight home.

Public Assist:

On 8/24/09 at 2:09 a.m., a resident on Hermantown Road called to report a vehicle in the ditch near his home. Officers Battaglia and Volk responded and spoke to two teenage males who said they had just dropped a buddy off and were attempting to make a U-turn when they went off the road. Neither party was injured. The males were given a ride home, and they said they would pick up the vehicle the next day.

Theft / Burglary / Shoplifting:

On 8/23/09 at 6:07 p.m., the Hermantown Police Department was advised of an adult female shoplifter in custody at Wal-Mart. Loss Prevention witnessed the female, who had been previously trespassed from the store, conceal four DVDs in her purse and make no attempt to pay for them prior to exiting the store. The female was issued a citation for theft and trespass.

On 8/26/09, Officer Johnson received a phone call from a female who stated that fraudulent charges had been made to her debit card number at a Hermantown store. Her card was in her possession the whole time and she did not make any charges. Officer Johnson contacted the business and discovered there had been an error in entering the card number. They stated they would correct the mistake and refund the money to the reporting party.

On 8/28/09, two residents from the same address on Falcon Drive reported that, during the previous night, someone had entered their unlocked vehicles that were parked in the driveway. A purse and a wallet were taken. No damage was

done to the vehicles. The purse was later located at the intersection of Arrowhead and Lavaque Roads and was turned in to the Hermantown Police Department. Several items were missing from the purse. There are no suspects at this time.

On 8/29/09 at approximately 6:08 p.m., Officers responded to Wal-Mart on the report of a shoplifter. The 25-year-old male was seen concealing a bottle of Anbesol, valued at \$6.34, in his back pocket before attempting to leave the store. The man was issued a citation for theft and trespassed from the property.

Miscellaneous:

On 8/23/09, the Hermantown Police Department speed trailer was set up to monitor eastbound traffic on Maple Grove Road at Westberg Road. A total of 1506 vehicles passed the trailer between 8 a.m. and 7 p.m., 911 of which were traveling at a rate of speed higher than the posted 40 mph limit. The fastest speed was 57 mph, but 622 of the vehicles were traveling between 41 and 45 mph.

The Hermantown Police Department speed trailer was also set up in the 3900 block of LaVaque Road monitoring northbound traffic. 873 vehicles traveled passed the trailer, and 528 of them were speeding. The majority of the speeding vehicles, 378, were traveling between 41 and 45 mph, and the highest speed of the vehicles was 64 mph.

