



AROUND TOWN

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The following are selected police related incidents that the Hermantown Police Department has responded to between 09/13/09 to 09/19/09.

Disturbances / Domestic / Assaults:

On 9/19/09 at 1:26 a.m., Officer Pfeiffer checked on two suspicious vehicles parked at Fichtner Field. Officer Pfeiffer observed a male and female on the ground in between the parked vehicles. Both quickly stood up as Officer Pfeiffer approached them. When questioned, they stated they were talking. Officer Pfeiffer sent the parties on their way.

At 3:06 a.m. on 9/19/09, Officer Johnson responded to Timber Ridge Townhomes to investigate the report of a physical domestic. Officer Johnson determined that there was an argument between a 21-year-old male and his 23-year-old girlfriend, neither of whom lived in the complex. Both parties had been drinking. The male was arrested for felony violation of an Order for Protection and misdemeanor domestic assault.

Traffic Stops:

On 9/18/09 at 9:39 p.m., Officer Johnson observed a vehicle approach the intersection of Haines Road and Miller Trunk Hwy at a very slow rate of speed.

The 73-year-old male driver stopped for a red light, and then proceeded through the intersection while the light was still red. When Officer Johnson spoke with the driver, he seemed confused and was unable to say which road he was on, what city he was in, and could not remember where he lived. Officer Johnson had the driver park his vehicle, and gave him a ride home. A request for a driver's evaluation was forwarded to Driver & Vehicle Services.

Accidents:

On 9/13/09 at 10:25 a.m., Sergeant Gunderson responded to Walmart on a report of a motor vehicle accident. A vehicle traveling southeast through the parking lot was struck by a vehicle that made a right turn to go southeast in front of the first vehicle, causing moderate damage. No injuries were reported.

On 9/16/09 at 12:55 p.m., the Hermantown Police Department was advised of a motor vehicle accident. Two vehicles were stopped on Arrowhead Road in the left turn lane on a red light for southbound Miller Trunk Hwy. The driver of the hitting vehicle stated his foot slipped off the brake, causing his vehicle to roll forward and strike the vehicle in front of him. A citation for inattentive driving was issued.

On 9/18/09 at approximately 8:26 p.m., Officer Johnson responded to Midway Road and St. Louis River Road for the report of a two-vehicle collision. Both drivers, who had been traveling in

opposite directions on Midway Road, stated the railroad crossing lights came on. The driver of the first vehicle said he was on the tracks about to make a left turn and wanted to clear the tracks quickly to avoid being hit by the train. The driver of the second vehicle said he did not have time to stop at the point when the lights came on, and went through the intersection.

Animal Calls:

On 9/15/09, officers received a complaint of an on-going problem with aggressive dogs on Okerstrom Road. She stated that on the previous evening, the dogs charged her and her dog and she had to kick them off. Upon officer's arrival at the residence, one dog was on leash and the other ran freely, although neither dog was aggressive. The resident was advised on his dogs' behavior.

On 9/18/09 at 7:24 p.m., Officer Pfeiffer received a report of a black lab puppy running loose at the playground near the Hermantown Elementary School. Officer Pfeiffer attempted to contact the veterinary clinic listed on the dog's rabies tag, but received no answer. The puppy was brought to the Cloquet Friends of Animals Shelter.

Public Assist:

On 9/18/09 at 2:48 p.m., Officer Hansen encountered a stalled vehicle in the driving lane at the intersection of Haines Road and Maple Grove Road. The driver explained that the transmission had gone out, and a tow was on the way. Officer Hansen assisted with traffic control until the tow arrived.

Theft / Burglary / Shoplifting:

On 9/14/09 at 11:56 a.m., Officers Battaglia and Volk were dispatched to Edgewood Vista to investigate the report of theft of chairs. A 76-year-old resident had moved to a smaller room, and since all her furniture did not fit in the new room, some was left in a sun room in another unit until her family could retrieve the items. Employees discovered that the woman's two chairs were missing when her daughter came to pick them up. The daughter contacted her brother, who stated he did not take the chairs, although several employees told their supervisor that they believed he did. Investigation continues.

Miscellaneous:

On 9/14/09, Officer Battaglia and Volk received a complaint of unauthorized use of a credit card. The 37-year-old male caller told officers he allowed his 34-year-old ex-wife to use his credit card buy a softball bat. He stated that the female charged over \$500 onto his card and he wanted to find out his options. The man was advised that there was no crime, as he willingly gave the credit card to his ex-wife.

On 9/17/09 at 12:39 a.m., Officers Battaglia and Volk observed a vehicle at All Around Storage, which has hours of 6 a.m. to 10 p.m. They spoke with a 52-year-old male, who was moving out of one of the units. They advised the man it looks suspicious for him to be there after hours.

