



# AROUND TOWN

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**K-9**

Nero



*The following are selected police related incidents that the Hermantown Police Department has responded to between 09/20/09 to 09/26/09.*

**Disturbances / Domestic / Assaults:**

On 9/23/09, the City Superintendent reported that during the previous night, someone had driven a vehicle onto the ballfield at Keenes Creek Park and torn it up doing circle spins. Circle spins were also the cause of damage to the parking lot/roadway. Cost to the City for repair may exceed \$500.00.

On 9/24/09, a resident on the Lavaque Road reported that a male was bow hunting illegally on her property, and provided the plate from the red truck that he was driving. Officer Hansen contacted the registered owner of the vehicle who stated that he does not hunt, does not know anyone who does, and has not borrowed his truck to anyone.

At 7:15 p.m. on 9/24/09, Officer Wick was advised that a 16-year-old male had left his foster residence and that he was violating his probation from Isanti County by leaving. After seeing the boy run into the woods, Officer Wick and his K9 Nero tracked the male through the woods and officers eventually located him. The boy told Officer

Wick that he felt like his foster parents were “on him” that day and he did not want to stay there. The male was issued a citation for fleeing a police officer on foot and he was lodged at AJC.

Shortly before 7 p.m. on 9/24/09, Officers Volk and Battaglia were advised of a possible domestic altercation on the Johnson Road. The reporting party, a neighbor, stated that two small children had stopped her while she was jogging and asked that she call the police because they believed their mother’s boyfriend had hit her. Officers arrived on scene and found the boyfriend outside calling for the kids while their mother drove around looking for them. Both stated that they had argued but there had not been a physical altercation. The 29-year-old woman and her 32-year-old boyfriend were advised to not argue in front of the children, as they were obviously scared, and both agreed to separate for the night.

**Accidents:**

On 9/23/09 at 3:18 p.m., the Hermantown Police Department was advised of a one-vehicle accident on northbound Stebner Road near Trailwood Street. The 19-year-old female driver was reaching for her cell phone in her purse when she suddenly veered off to the left side of the roadway, striking the curb and driving down the embankment where she hit and damaged a telephone cable pedestal. She was issued a citation for inattentive driving.

On 9/26/09, Officer Pfeiffer was called to

the scene of an accident near Walmart. A vehicle had rear-ended another vehicle while pulling out from Mall Drive onto Miller Trunk Highway. An 18-year-old female was cited for inattentive driving. The driver of the vehicle that was struck from behind transported himself to the hospital for a possible back injury.

On 9/26/09 at 6:02 p.m., Officer Johnson responded to a business on Arrowhead Road for the report of hit and run damage to a parked motor vehicle. Witnesses informed Officer Johnson it appeared the driver of the hitting vehicle was aware of the damage when she left. Officer Johnson is investigating.

**Animal Calls:**

On 9/23/09 at 7:08 p.m., Officers Volk and Battaglia received a request to transport a stray dog to the shelter. A resident in the 3500 block of Lavaque Road stated her daughter witnessed a long-haired black lab with no tags or collar running loose northbound on Lavaque Road near the Morris Thomas Road. The dog followed the caller's daughter home. Officers brought the dog to Cloquet Friends of Animals.

**Public Assist:**

On 9/23/09 at approximately 9:00 a.m., the Hermantown Police Department was notified of an illegal garbage dump. A large number of ceiling tiles were left on the side of the road in the 3900 block of Getchell Road. An officer responded to verify the location and notified the street department to assist with clean up.

On 9/24/09, a Public Works

employee turned in a small blue/white mini-bike he found lying in the ditch on Stebner Road, near the Lakes 10 location. There is no serial number on bike, so police are unable to locate owner. The mini bike is being held at Police Department for safekeeping.

**Theft / Burglary / Shoplifting:**

On 9/21/09, Hermantown Police received a report of a forged check at Walmart. The reporting party noticed an inaccurate balance in her checking account, and was informed by her bank that a check had been written at Walmart for \$263.23. The reporting party had not been at Walmart or made a purchase. This case is currently under investigation by Officer Johnson.

On 9/21/09, Officer Pfeiffer was advised to call a 19-year-old female in reference to a theft. She stated that her Blackberry Curve cell phone had been stolen on 9/9/09 while she was bowling at Skyline Lanes. It was taken from her purse, which was sitting on a table just feet from where she was bowling. She did not report the theft right away in hopes that someone would turn it in. There is no suspect information at this time.

On 9/25/09 at 9:33 p.m., Officers Battaglia and Volk were dispatched to Walmart on the report of a shoplifter. The 24-year-old female cashed a check at the service counter, then proceeded to the book department, where she concealed two packs of press on nails in her purse. The total value of the theft was \$11.94. The woman was issued a citation.

