



AROUND TOWN

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The following are selected police related incidents that the Hermantown Police Department has responded to between 09/27/09 to 10/03/09.

Disturbances / Domestic / Assaults:

On 9/27/09, Officer Johnson was dispatched to a local bar to the report of a fight occurring in the parking lot with approximately eight people pushing, shoving, and yelling. Upon squad arrival, involved parties stated that the fight was over a vehicle almost hitting a friend as the vehicle pulled out of a parking spot. All were advised and rode home with sober friends.

On 9/29/09, Officer Hansen received a call to Lavaque Road, where a resident was concerned that a neighbor was baiting deer for an archery hunter. The officer spoke to the property owner, who stated that he was not feeding or baiting deer, and in fact was putting out deer cane and soap in an effort to keep deer off his property. Officer Hansen saw no evidence of deer feeding.

On 9/30/09 at 3:47 p.m., Officer Wick received a complaint of a juvenile female "flashing" passing vehicles in the 4400 block of Ugstad Road. Officer Wick located the female, who said she was just playing around with friends and pulled her shirt up to

show her belly. She was advised on her conduct.

On 10/02/09 at 11:56 p.m., a request for an officer to respond to the Hermantown Wal-Mart was received. A 28-year-old female reported that she had been inside the store for approximately 45 minutes. When she came out she found that her vehicle had been squirted with ketchup, and it also appeared as if someone had entered her car, as air fresheners had been knocked over and other items had been thrown about. The driver did not observe any property missing, and requested a matter of record report.

On 10/3/09 at 11:48 a.m., Officer Wick and Sergeant Marsolek investigated an incomplete 911 call. Dispatch advised that a female had answered the line on call back, and a male voice was heard in the background saying "I'm not going anywhere." Upon arrival, a female at the residence stated the male Dispatch heard in the background had been upset and called 911, but left prior to squad arrival. No further police action was required.

At 10:17 p.m. on 10/3/09, officers received a call of a domestic assault that had occurred on Tamarack Lane. A 44-year-old female resident had run to a neighbor's house to call police after her 48-year-old boyfriend assaulted her. Officers found the intoxicated male outside the residence looking for his dog, which was later located in his vehicle. The man stated he had an argument with the female because he believed she was

stealing his prescription medication. The male was lodged at the St. Louis County Jail for assault-strangulation, and domestic assault.

Driving While Intoxicated:

On 10/01/09 at 12:57 a.m., a Hermantown officer was patrolling eastbound on Arrowhead Road when he observed a vehicle swerving in the traffic lane and crossing the centerline. The officer initiated a traffic stop, and noted the odor of an alcoholic beverage coming from inside the vehicle. A subsequent search of the vehicle yielded an open can of beer that was half-full and still chilled. The 19-year-old male driver provided a PBT result of .022, and an 18-year-old male passenger also completed a PBT with a result of .025. Both were issued citations for underage consumption, and the driver was also cited for Unlawful to Drive After Consuming Any Amount of Alcohol. At the driver's request, the vehicle was parked in a nearby parking lot and a friend provided the males a ride home.

At 12:20 a.m. on 10/3/09, Officers Battaglia and Volk were patrolling eastbound on Arrowhead Road when they observed a vehicle with only one working headlight. They initiated a traffic stop on the vehicle, which pulled into the parking lot of a bar. The officers observed an odor of alcoholic beverage coming from the 25-year-old driver and requested that she perform field sobriety testing. Officer Battaglia also had the driver complete a preliminary breath test, which resulted in a .142% blood alcohol content. The driver was arrested for 4th degree DWI, .08 or more, and two headlights required. She was lodged

at the St. Louis County Jail.

Traffic Stops:

On 10/01/09 at 3:05 p.m., Officer Wick stopped a vehicle at Lindahl Road and Arrowhead Road. The 36-year-old male driver, whose driving record showed numerous citations for speeding, was warned for exhibition driving.

On 10/01/09 at 4:18 p.m., a Hermantown officer observed a vehicle driving down the shoulder of Lavaque Road near Hermantown Road with a flat tire. The 57-year-old driver told the officer he was almost home, and he had been unable to replace the flat tire with a spare because of an odd lug nut he was unable to remove. The driver was advised.

Public Assist:

On 9/29/09 at 6:49 p.m., Officer Johnson received a report of a lost child. A mother called from the Middle School, where she went to pick up her 10-year-old son after a field trip. The buses had come back earlier than expected, and she could not locate him. The reporting party called back 15 minutes later and advised that her child had been found. He had walked home.

On 10/01/09 at 1:37 p.m., Officer Wick assisted a male who had been locked out of his running vehicle by dogs inside the car. The vehicle was opened successfully.

