



AROUND TOWN

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The following are selected police related incidents that the Hermantown Police Department has responded to between 10/04/09 to 10/10/09.

Driving While Intoxicated:

On 10/10/09 at 1:23 a.m., Hermantown officers observed a vehicle driving northbound on Miller Trunk Highway that was swerving within its lane and crossing the fog line and centerline. Officers stopped the vehicle on Lavaque Road and requested the 39-year-old male driver perform field sobriety tests. Following the tests, and after a preliminary breath test registered a .126% blood alcohol content, and the refusal of an Intoxilyzer Test, officers arrested the male and lodged him at the St. Louis County Jail. Charges for the male were 3rd degree test refusal, 4th degree DWI, driving after cancellation – inimical to public safety, violation of driver’s license retriCTION, no proof of insurance, possession of small amount of marijuana, and possession of drug paraphernalia.

Accidents:

On 10/09/09 at 5:34 p.m., officers were dispatched to a personal injury accident on Haines Road near Gander Mountain. A 23-year-old male was unable to stop when the vehicle in front of him slowed for traffic. He hit the vehicle, driven by a 55-year-old

woman, pushing it into a third vehicle being driven by a 66-year-old man. The 23-year-old was issued a citation for inattentive driving.

Damage to Property:

On 10/04/09, Officer Johnson took the report of damage to a resident’s garage on the Lindgren Road. The 59-year-old male stated that someone had spray painted vulgar and racist remarks on his rear garage, which is not easily seen from the road. There are no suspects at this time.

On the morning of 10/09/09, officers received multiple calls of damage that occurred overnight. A number of mailboxes on Secora and Wagner Roads were smashed. Vehicles were also damaged on Boulder Drive, Bush Drive, and Getchell Road. Officers are investigating.

Theft / Burglary / Shoplifting:

On 10/05/09, Officer Vedder was advised by a 16-year-old student that her vehicle had been broken into the previous Friday night between 7:30 p.m. and 11 p.m. There was no damage to the vehicle, but cash, a pink iPod, and a photograph were stolen. The victim states there were other items of value in the vehicle that were not taken.

On 10/06/09 at 7:24 a.m., Officer Johnson was advised of a theft from construction trailers that occurred at a Hwy 2 business overnight. A number of ladders, cordless drills, and a Sawzall kit

were stolen from the trailers. In addition, four 40-foot aluminum scaffold planks were taken from alongside the garage. The total value of the theft was nearly \$4000.

At approximately 1:37 p.m. on 10/06/09, Sgt. Gunderson responded to Walmart on the report of a shoplifter. Loss Prevention indicated to Sgt. Gunderson that they witnessed the male remove his jacket, put on a hooded sweatshirt, and put his jacket back on over it. The male also attempted to steal a box of crayons and a pair of women's underwear. Total value of the theft was \$28.14. The male admitted to shoplifting in the past from a Home Depot and a Walmart in California. While checking on his previous theft from Walmart, Loss Prevention found that he had attempted to steal a box of crayons at that time, along with other items. The 20-year-old male told police that he did not believe he had a problem with shoplifting and this was a wake-up call. He was issued a citation for theft.

At approximately 7:32 a.m. on 10/07/09, Officer Johnson responded to an Arrowhead Road residence on the report of a vehicle theft. The 62-year-old male resident related to Officer Johnson that he was selling a 3-wheeler ATV and had placed it near the end of his driveway, tethered to a tree with a small cable. The male stated that the day before, three young men in their 20s had looked at the ATV, but seemed suspicious in their behavior in that they were inspecting the cable securing the ATV. The resident gave descriptions of the males and their vehicle. The value of the ATV

is \$750.00.

On 10/06/09, Officer Johnson received a report of a vehicle that had been prowled during the night. The vehicle was parked unlocked in a driveway of a Whitetail Drive residence. The owner stated the door of the vehicle was left open, and the interior was wet from the rain. The unknown suspect went through the glovebox and center console, but no property appeared to be missing.

Miscellaneous:

On 10/09/09, the Hermantown Police Department Speed Trailer was set up on Maple Grove Road near the intersection with Ugstad Road to monitor eastbound traffic. 1728 vehicles were clocked, 129 of which were traveling above the posted speed limit of 40 mph. 117 of the speeding vehicles were traveling 41-45 mph, 6 vehicles were traveling 46-50 mph, and 6 vehicles were traveling 51 mph or faster, with the greatest speed being 56 mph.

Between 10/03/09 and 10/10/09, the Hermantown Police Department had 120 calls created. These include all types of incidents, including seven alarm calls, four vehicle lock outs, and two check welfare calls. Officers made 44 traffic stops for minor violations and responded on several attempt to locate and hotrod reports.

