



AROUND TOWN

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The following are selected police related incidents that the Hermantown Police Department has responded to between 10/11/09 to 10/17/09.

Disturbances / Domestic / Assaults:

On 10/13/09, Sgt. Gunderson received information regarding a possible sexual assault. The 41-year-old victim related to officers that on 10/10/09, she was drinking in a Hermantown bar with family. The female stated that after consuming a number of drinks, she could not remember anything and indicated she had never blacked out while drinking before. In the early hours of 10/11/09, the woman was taken to Detox by Proctor Police after a cab driver reported that she was intoxicated and could not tell him where to take her. The woman went to the hospital to be checked for a possible sexual assault, but stated that she just wanted to be safe, as she could not remember what happened on the night of 10/10 and she was concerned she may have been drugged. There is no evidence to indicate the woman was drugged or sexually assaulted.

On 10/16/09 at 12:45 a.m., the Hermantown Police Department received a report of a missing person from a group home on Haines Road. Staff discovered an 18-year-old female missing from

her bedroom and informed officers that she may be headed to the metro area with her fiancé. A missing persons report was completed.

Traffic Stops:

On 10/12/09 at approximately 1903 hours, Officer Pfeiffer ran a routine registration check on a vehicle traveling in front of him on Ugstad Road near the intersection with Miller Trunk Highway. The registration indicated that the license plates were impounded due to alcohol. The 31-year-old driver, who was found to have a suspended driver's license, stated he was test driving the vehicle to see if he wanted to purchase it. During an inventory search of the vehicle, officers located a glass pipe and methamphetamine. The driver was lodged at the St. Louis County Jail for possession of meth, possession of drug paraphernalia, and driving after suspension. The 21-year-old registered owner of the vehicle was issued a citation for license plate impoundment. The vehicle is being held for forfeiture due to drugs being located in it.

On 10/15/09 at approximately 11:57 a.m., Officer Hansen was advised by Deputy Chief Padden that he witnessed a male with a cancelled driver's license driving from the police department parking lot. Officer Hansen located the vehicle a short distance from the police department and initiated a traffic stop. The 21-year-old male driver was lodged at the St. Louis County Jail for gross misdemeanor driving after cancellation – inimical to

public safety.

Accidents:

On 10/16/09 at 4:40 p.m., Sergeant Marsolek, Officer Volk, and Officer Battaglia were dispatched to a report of a motor vehicle accident on Miller Trunk Hwy. A 91-year-old female driver pulled out into the right hand lane of Miller Trunk Hwy, which was already occupied by a semi tractor-trailer traveling northbound, hitting the middle of the trailer. The female driver then left the scene, despite substantial front-end damage to her smoking vehicle. Officers were able to locate her due to the fact that a license plate from her damaged vehicle was left behind at the crash site. She commented that it was foggy outside, although weather conditions were dry and clear. The female driver was issued a citation for leaving the scene of a property damage accident with attended vehicle and failure to yield to traffic. A request for a Driver's Evaluation was also submitted to Driver and Vehicle Services.

On 10/17/09 at 1:14 p.m., Sergeant Marsolek, Officer Volk, and Officer Battaglia responded to a motor vehicle accident with injury at Miller Trunk Hwy and Arrowhead Road. A 65-year-old male driving a Chrysler mini-van containing six passengers was southbound on Miller Trunk Hwy, and had a green arrow to turn left onto Arrowhead Road. A 76-year-old female driving westbound on Arrowhead Road proceeded through the intersection and struck the front of the minivan, continued through the intersection, and hit a sign in the median, which stopped her vehicle. It was determined that the 76-year-old driver was having a

medical emergency at the time of the incident. A citation for no proof of insurance was issued to the driver of the van.

Theft / Burglary / Shoplifting:

At 2319 hours on 10/12/09, Officer Pfeiffer responded to Walmart on the report of two adult males shoplifting from the sporting goods department. One of the men, a 19-year-old, had stolen gloves, a camoflauge shirt, socks, two scent sticks, and a knife for a total value of \$61.82. He was issued a citation for theft and trespassed from Walmart property. The other male, a 22-year-old, indicated the men had come to Walmart to purchase items for hunting, but didn't have enough money. He had concealed socks, a grunter call, an arrow sight, a doe scent stick, gloves, and a balaclava mask worth \$77.82. The 22-year-old was also found to have a marijuana pipe and prescription medications on his person. The prescriptions were not in a properly labeled container and he stated that some of the medication belonged to his mother. This report was forwarded to the St. Louis County Attorney's Office for possible charges of theft, possession of drug paraphernalia, 5th degree possession of a synthetic narcotic, and drugs-misbranded.

On 10/16/09 at 3:04 p.m., Officer Battaglia was dispatched to a report of a burglary in which several outbuildings on the property had the locks broken off. Although it appeared that the suspect(s) had rummaged through the buildings, no items were believed to be missing.

