



AROUND TOWN

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The following are selected police related incidents that the Hermantown Police Department has responded to between 10/18/09 to 10/24/09.

Disturbances / Domestic / Assaults:

On 10/19/09 at 7:44 p.m., the Hermantown Police Department received a report of an incomplete 911 call from a residence on Falcon Drive. On callback, 911 Dispatch reported hearing a child playing. An officer responded to the residence and verified with the homeowner that her young daughter had been playing with the phone and there were no other problems.

On 10/20/09 at approximately 4:48 p.m., Officer Johnson and Officer Pfeiffer responded to a complaint of a verbal domestic on Getchell Road. Upon arrival officers spoke with a 46-year-old female and her 17-year-old son, who were having an argument. The mother relayed she was concerned over her son's recent behavior of sleeping in late and going out at night, and admitted to throwing an object at her son the previous day during another confrontation. The juvenile denied involvement in drinking or other illegal activities, and both were advised on taking a break and allowing each other to calm down when an argument becomes heated. Both agreed they would

do this.

On 10/21/09 at 4:28 p.m. Officer Pfeiffer and Officer Johnson responded to a residence on Maple Grove Road where a 28 year-old-male and 26-year-old female were having a verbal dispute over property ownership. Both disagreed on how much money was owed by the female half to claim a bed as noted in their divorce decree. The parties were advised that police could not determine how much money had been paid previously or who owes what, and that the issue would need to be dealt with through civil process.

Driving While Intoxicated:

Shortly before 5 p.m. on 10/23/09, Officers were advised of a possible intoxicated driver leaving a Haines Road business with his son. Officer Pfeiffer located and initiated a traffic stop on the vehicle, which proceeded to travel northbound on Miller Trunk Highway, finally pulling into the Duluth Dodge parking lot. Officer Pfeiffer performed field sobriety tests on the male, who took a preliminary breath test with a result of .107% blood alcohol content. The male was lodged at the St. Louis County Jail for 2nd degree test refusal and 3rd degree DWI. After the male was released from jail, employees at the Haines Road business informed officers that the man was repeatedly calling and demanding to know who had called 911 on him. The male was advised by police not to continue calling.

Traffic Stops:

On 10/21/09 at 12:31 a.m., Officer Hansen observed a vehicle fail to stop for a stop sign at Morris Thomas and Lavaque Road. The 16-year-old male driver was issued a citation for No Proof Insurance, and warned for disobeying a stop sign. The juvenile admitted to sneaking out of the house without permission. His mother was contacted and thanked Officer Hansen for notifying her, and requested her son be sent home immediately.

Accidents:

On 10/20/09 at 8:05 a.m. Officer Johnson responded to a motor vehicle accident. A 35-year-old male driving westbound on Maple Grove Road failed to stop for the stop sign at the intersection of Maple Grove Road and Stebner Road, and struck a vehicle traveling southbound on Stebner Road. The 38-year-old male driver of the southbound vehicle swerved in an attempt to avoid the crash, but the rear of his vehicle was hit. The 35-year-old male, who stated he did not see the stop sign, was issued a citation for Failure to Stop at Stop Sign.

On 10/24/09 at 8:57 p.m., the Hermantown Police Department received a report of a vehicle that was swerving all over the roadway and had struck a guardrail, continuing eastbound on the St. Louis River Road. A Proctor officer located the vehicle traveling eastbound on Hwy 2, and observed the vehicle traveling 30 MPH in a 60 MPH zone, crossing the fog line and weaving back and forth within its lane. The 45-year-old female driver admitted to hitting the guardrail, stating that she was on her way to

work and was just tired. A scrape mark was evident on the side of her vehicle. The driver denied drinking and blew a PBT of .000. However, she did state she takes medications that do not impose driving restrictions. A Hermantown officer issued her a citation for Inattentive Driving and Hit and Run, and submitted a Driver's Evaluation Request to the Department of Vehicle Services.

Public Assist:

On 10/21/09 at approximately 2:39 p.m., Officer Pfeiffer provided traffic control while Lake City Towing pulled a Waste Management truck and trailer out of the ditch on Midway Road. The driver of the Waste Management truck informed Officer Pfeiffer that he was traveling southbound on Midway Road when a vehicle pulled out directly in front of him from the Adolph Store parking lot, causing him to brake suddenly. This caused his truck to spin and make a 180 degree turn, coming to a stop facing northbound in the southbound ditch. No damage was sustained to the truck.

Theft / Burglary / Shoplifting:

On 10/20/09 at 1:28 p.m., Officer Pfeiffer was dispatched to Wal-Mart in reference to an adult male shoplifter in custody. Loss Prevention observed the 27-year-old male removing a car stereo wiring kit from its package, and concealing the kit inside his coat pocket. The male explained that he had come to Wal-Mart with only the intention of pricing kits, but "in an act of stupidity" had decided to steal the kit. He was issued a citation for theft and was trespassed from the store. The total value of the wiring kit was \$8.00.

