



AROUND TOWN

A Publication of the Hermantown Police Department

Date: Oct 25, 2009 to Oct 31, 2009

Chief

Michael Anderson

Deputy Chief

Shawn Padden

Sergeants

William Marsolek

Mark Gunderson

Officers

Paul Johnson

Tom Wick (K9)

Kristi Hansen

Jason Salo (LSGDTF)

Kody Vedder (SRO)

Lisa Volk

Griffin Pfeiffer

Jon Esterbrooks

Tim Battaglia

Clerical

Jessica Treviranus

Luanne McMillan

Tara Rotta

K-9

Nero



The following are selected police related incidents that the Hermantown Police Department has responded to between 10/25/09 to 10/31/09.

Disturbances / Domestic / Assaults:

On 10/26/09 at 2:14 p.m., Officer Volk and Officer Battaglia responded to assist in locating an escapee from NERCC. Officer Volk and Officer Battaglia made contact with a male who was reported by a citizen as a suspicious person matching the description of the escapee walking southbound on Midway Road. It was not the same individual.

On 10/26/09 at 5:31 p.m., Officers were advised of a harassment restraining order violation that occurred earlier in the day. The reporting party, a 36-year-old female, stated that her 43-year-old ex-boyfriend had called her four times. She stated that she asked him immediately if he had been served with the restraining order and that she had hung up on him following his answer. The male called three more times, and the female stated that she only answered one of those times and that she had blocked his number from calling her.

On 10/27/09 at 8:53 a.m., Officer Volk and Officer Battaglia

received notification that a 78-year-old male resident of an assisted living home had left with the intention of driving to Cloquet. The reporting party, a staff member, said she tried to stop him as she knows he has a suspended driver's license. Officers checked the area but were unable to locate the resident or his vehicle.

Shortly before 9 p.m. on 10/28/09, Officers Johnson and Hansen, along with assisting squads and an ambulance, were dispatched to the report of an assault at a Woodridge Drive group home. One client had gone out of control because he was not taking his medication and a second, a 22-year-old male, believed staff was attacking the first client. A staff member was injured and taken to the hospital by ambulance.

Damage to Property:

On the morning of 10/29/09, Officer Pfeiffer was dispatched to the report of property damage at a Haines Road business. An employee of the business stated that when he arrived at the business at 8 a.m., he noticed that there was damage to the railing by the loading dock that was not there the previous evening when he left. Shortly after his arrival at the business, a semi arrived for a delivery. The employee believed that the semi had entered the loading dock sometime prior to his arrival and damaged the railing, then left and returned after he arrived. The semi driver denied being at the business during the night hours, stating he had been in the

Gander Mountain parking lot from 3 a.m. to 8 a.m. Officer Pfeiffer noted that tracks left in the loading dock were similar to that of the semi. He also noted a number of scratches on the side of the semi, but was unable to determine if they were new or old.

Accidents:

At 7:01 p.m. on 10/28/09, Officer Hansen was dispatched to the report of a property damage accident on Mall Drive. A 62-year-old female was driving northbound on Mall drive when she had to stop abruptly for a vehicle in front of her turning into Wal-Mart's parking lot. The 25-year-old male in the vehicle behind her was unable to stop in time and he rear-ended her. The male was issued a citation for following to close.

Public Assist:

On 10/27/09 at 9:24 p.m., the Hermantown Police Department received a complaint of a suspicious person in the 5200 block of Miller Trunk Hwy. A male had knocked on a resident's door and asked for a ride to Hibbing. A Hermantown officer made contact with the male, who explained that he had just been released from jail and was trying to hitchhike back to Hibbing. The male was given a ride to the CHUM center.

At 8:30 p.m. on 10/28/09, Officer Hansen was dispatched to check the welfare of two young males walking on Miller Trunk Highway. The boys, ages 11 and 12, were brought home and their parents were advised of where they were located.

On 10/31/09 at 10:48 p.m., Officer Hansen observed an occupied vehicle in the parking lot of a Mall

Drive business. The 18- and 20-year-old female occupants stated they had just stopped in the lot to put on make-up. They were advised that it looks suspicious to be in the parking lot of a closed business and sent on their way.

Theft / Burglary / Shoplifting:

Just before 1 p.m. on 10/29/09, Officer Pfeiffer responded to Wal-Mart for two adult shoplifters. Loss Prevention officers stated they witnessed a female and male in the automotive department open and conceal several items in the female's purse and the male's jacket. The total value of the items stolen by the pair was \$23.16. The 28-year-old female was issued a citation for shoplifting and driving after revocation. The 23-year-old male was issued a citation for shoplifting and possession of shoplifting gear. Both were trespassed from Wal-Mart property.

On 10/30/09 at approximately 5:30 p.m., Officer Johnson was dispatched to the report of a shoplifter. The 29-year-old female was observed by Loss Prevention picking out items in the Health and Beauty section. She was followed into the Toy section, where she was observed concealing 13 items in her purse. The value of the items stolen was approximately \$51. The woman was issued a citation for theft and trespassed from Wal-Mart property.

