



AROUND TOWN

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The following are selected police related incidents that the Hermantown Police Department has responded to between 11/8/09 to 11/14/09.

Disturbances / Domestic / Assaults:

Shortly before 5 p.m. on 11/10/09, Officer Volk and assisting officers were dispatched to a residence on Jamilee Drive on the report of an assault. The victim, a 28-year-old woman, was reporting that her 27-year-old boyfriend had injured her by slamming her on the floor. He had also taken her phone from her, preventing her from calling police, and he had threatened to kill her. The male had left the residence and officers were unable to locate him at the time. Just before 10 a.m. on 11/11/09, officers were advised of another call that stated the male was possibly back at the residence. No one was at the home, but both the suspect and the victim were located at a nearby business and the male was arrested for domestic assault, terroristic threats, interference with a 911 call, criminal damage to property, and disorderly conduct. He was lodged at the St. Louis County Jail.

Driving While Intoxicated:

On 11/10/09 at 2:37 p.m., Officer Battaglia and assisting officers were advised of a hit and run

accident at the intersection of Miller Trunk Highway and Ugstad Road. A 40-year-old female stated that after a van with two male occupants had rear-ended her, the passenger had gotten out to look at her vehicle and told her there was no damage. The woman told the males in the van that she wanted to exchange information. They agreed to pull onto Ugstad Road, but when the woman pulled over to the shoulder, the van continued down the road without stopping. The van was located by assisting officers and pulled over near the intersection of Lavaque Road and Arrowhead Road. The 51-year-old male driver initially denied being involved in an accident. Officer Battaglia had the male perform field sobriety tests, including a preliminary breath test that showed a reading of .205 blood alcohol content. After further testing, the man was arrested and lodged at the St. Louis County Jail for criminal vehicular operation, 3rd degree DWI, .08 or more, hit and run, driving after revocation, no insurance, and inattentive driving.

On 11/13/09 at 10:14 p.m., Officer Pfeiffer was advised of an attempt to locate on a vehicle that was traveling down Arrowhead Road at erratic speeds, swerving into the oncoming lane. While en route to the area, Officer Pfeiffer was advised that the vehicle had gone into the ditch and hit a driveway approach. The 20-year-old female driver was taken to the hospital by ambulance to have her injuries assessed. While at the hospital, the female admitted to Officer Pfeiffer

that she had been drinking that evening. DWI charges are pending blood test results.

Traffic Stops:

On 11/14/09 at approximately 8:08 p.m., Officer Pfeiffer observed a vehicle turning west onto Arrowhead Road from Miller Trunk Hwy. Officer Pfeiffer recognized the vehicle as being registered to a 44-year-old male who had warrants for domestic assault and disorderly conduct. The vehicle was also displaying expired registration, and Officer Pfeiffer initiated a traffic stop. The driver was in fact the registered owner, and he was lodged at the St. Louis County Jail for the warrants.

Accidents:

On 11/12/09 at approximately 1:16 p.m., Officer Battaglia responded to a report of a motor vehicle accident. A 60-year-old male driving a Mack truck northbound on Westberg Road stopped in the traffic lane after missing his turn. He reversed the truck and backed into a pick-up truck also traveling northbound on Westberg Road. The Mack truck driver stated he did not see the vehicle behind him. Although significant damage was sustained to the pick-up truck, the 30-year-old female driver was not injured.

Animal Calls:

On 11/12/09 at 7:37 p.m., Officer Wick responded to the 4400 block of Ugstad Road on a report of a vehicle that struck a dog. An 18-year-old female driving southbound on Ugstad Road initially thought she had struck a deer, but discovered she had hit and injured a dog. The owner of the dog was located, and

the dog was brought to an emergency veterinary clinic for care. Minor damage was sustained to the hitting vehicle.

Theft / Burglary / Shoplifting:

On 11/10/09 at approximately 9:52 p.m., Officer Wick took a report of a stolen motorbike from a residence on Sarah Lane. The reporting party stated the yellow and purple 1998 Cobra 50CC kids motorbike, currently inoperable, had been on his porch when he left the residence for work that morning, and was gone upon his arrival home that evening. This investigation is pending further information.

On 11/13/09 at 5:02 p.m., Officer Volk was informed of a suspicious transaction at the Hermantown Credit Union. An employee of the credit union reported that a 67-year-old male was attempting to open an account with nearly \$12,000 in cash. The male told officers that he had located the money while cleaning out the apartment of a 79-year-old woman. He stated that she had fallen and gotten hurt and social services would not let her return to her apartment until it was cleaned up. The woman was aware the male had taken the money, but did not know that he was attempting to open an account without putting her name on it. The matter was referred to the Duluth Financial Crimes Division, as the woman's apartment is located in Duluth.

