



AROUND TOWN

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The following are selected police related incidents that the Hermantown Police Department has responded to between 11/29/09 to 12/05/09.

Driving While Intoxicated:

On 12/01/09 at 1:10 a.m., Officer Esterbrooks observed a vehicle near the intersection of Arrowhead Road and Midway Road that was not able to stay in its own lane. Officer Esterbrooks initiated a traffic stop on the vehicle and observed an odor of an alcoholic beverage coming from the driver, a 41-year-old male. The male performed field sobriety tests and took a preliminary breath test, which resulted in .153% blood alcohol content. The male had a previous DWI conviction, enhancing the current offense to a gross misdemeanor. The man was lodged at the St. Louis County Jail on 3rd degree DWI and .08 or more.

On 12/03/09 at 11:39 p.m., Officer Salo was traveling westbound on Arrowhead Road when he observed the vehicle in front of him cross the fog line multiple times. After initiating a traffic stop, Officer Salo observed an odor of an alcoholic beverage coming from the driver, a 36-year-old female. He had the woman perform field sobriety tests and gave her a preliminary breath test, which resulted in a

.173% blood alcohol content. The woman was lodged at the St. Louis County Jail for 4th degree DWI, .08 or more, and crossing the fog line.

Traffic Stops:

On 11/29/09 at 11:45 p.m., Officer Esterbrooks was on patrol near the intersection of Maple Grove and Stebner Roads when he observed a vehicle that did not have a rear license plate light. Officer Esterbrooks initiated a traffic stop on the vehicle. The driver indicated he did not have his driver's license with him, but provided his name and date of birth to the officer. Officer Esterbrooks did a routine check on that name and found ten prior no-fault convictions. At this time, the driver, a 25-year-old male, admitted to Officer Esterbrooks that he had used his brother's name because he did not have a driver's license. The man was lodged at the St. Louis County Jail for giving police officers the name and date of birth of another, no insurance/no proof of insurance – 3rd in 10 years, no insurance, driving after revocation, and no rear license plate light.

Accidents:

At 12:40 p.m. on 12/03/09, Officers Wick and Volk responded to the intersection of Haines Road and Hermantown Road on the report of a property damage accident. At that location, they located a damaged blue vehicle in the parking lot of a gas station and made contact with the driver, a 27-year-old female, who was on the phone with a rental car company that owned the

vehicle. She stated the other driver had exchanged information with her and left. Officers attempted to make contact with the other driver and eventually did speak with him on the phone. The 40-year-old male admitted to Officer Wick that he had no insurance or driver's license. The man was issued a citation for no insurance, no proof of insurance, and driving after revocation.

On 12/03/09 at 4:41 p.m., Officer Wick responded to the scene of an accident at the intersection of Arrowhead Road and Miller Trunk Highway. A vehicle driven by a 25-year-old male had brake failure and struck a vehicle being driven by a 43-year-old female that was stopped at the red light.

Theft / Burglary / Shoplifting:

On 11/30/09 at 7:34 a.m., Officer Johnson responded to a Miller Trunk business on the report of a burglary. The suspect or suspects gained entrance by smashing the deadbolt attachment with a large rock. Employees found that a television, \$200 in cash, and numerous hand tools were taken. The employees reported to Officer Johnson that approximately two weeks earlier, a suspicious male had come to the business attempting to sell them a security system. They believe this was a scam and an attempt to determine if they currently had a security system in place.

At 9 a.m. on 12/02/09, Officer Johnson received the report of burglary to multiple storage units. The renter of one unit had received a call from his credit card company indicating that his card was being used fraudulently, and after receiving

this call, he had gone to check his storage unit. The property manager of the storage units indicated that she believed five units were broken into. Multiple items were taken, including credit cards, a passport, a work visa, and several items of identification. Officer Johnson determined that one of the credit cards had been used in Duluth, and a number of incomplete attempts to use the card had also been made. This incident is currently under investigation.

At 1:30 p.m. on 12/03/09, Officer Volk responded to Midway Road on the report of a three-vehicle property damage accident. A 44-year-old woman was not able to stop in time for the line of cars in front of her waiting for the train. She attempted to veer to the right, onto the shoulder of the road, but her vehicle struck the vehicle in front of her, which was driven by a 39-year-old male. The spare tire on the woman's vehicle had come loose and had hit the front of the vehicle behind her, which was driven by a 32-year-old woman. The 44-year-old woman indicated to Officer Volk that she was currently on probation in Carlton County for driving without insurance. The female was issued a citation for multiple insurance charges, including no proof and allowing operation of a vehicle with no insurance, as well as no insurance. She was also charged with driving after revocation and inattentive driving.

On 12/03/09 at 3:25 p.m., Officer Wick responded to a business on Miller Trunk Highway. The owners stated that they had found that the rear locks on the building had been tampered with sometime between 11/25/09 and 12/03/09. No entry had been made to the building.