



# AROUND TOWN

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*The following are selected police related incidents that the Hermantown Police Department has responded to between 12/06/09 to 12/12/09.*

**Disturbances / Domestic / Assaults:**

On 12/07/09 at approximately 8:19 p.m., Officers Hansen and Esterbrooks were advised of a 911 hang up call from a LaVaque Road residence. Officers responded to the home and spoke with a 49-year-old woman, who stated that she and her 48-year-old husband had gotten into an argument and he had started throwing things and pushing her. She said that he threw a birdcage at her and she slipped and fell, hitting her head on the kitchen cabinet or counter. The female repeatedly asked officers to take the male to Detox; however, because of her injuries, he was lodged at the St. Louis County Jail for domestic assault.

On 12/08/09, Officer Pfeiffer received the report of vandalism. A resident on the Anderson Road was reporting that his school bus stop house at the end of his driveway was egged overnight. His wife stated it had also been egged earlier in the week, along with the mailbox.

On 12/09/09 at 8:13 p.m., Officer Esterbrooks was informed of a public assist call on Anderson

Road. A female was requesting police standby while she helped her friend move out of a home the woman shared with her boyfriend. Officer Esterbrooks spoke with the female that was moving out and she stated that she was just taking one more load to the U-Haul truck and she would be leaving, there was no problem and she did not want police assistance. At 9:53 p.m., Officers Hansen and Esterbrooks were requested to respond to the Anderson Road address for the report of domestic assault. A 40-year-old male was reporting that his 36-year-old ex-girlfriend was moving out, became upset, and assaulted him. The woman left the residence prior to officers' arrival. The male had visible scratches on his face, but he stated to officers that he did not want the woman to get in trouble. He refused to tell officers where the woman went to or what kind of vehicle she had left the residence in.

**Driving While Intoxicated:**

On 12/12/09 at 2:24 a.m., Officer Salo was on patrol on Haines Road when he observed the spark of a cigarette butt hitting the roadway in front of him. Officer Salo pulled over the vehicle in front of him and observed that the 43-year-old female driver appeared to be intoxicated. After the woman failed field sobriety tests and a preliminary breath test with a result of .13% blood alcohol content, Officer Salo placed her under arrest and lodged her at the St. Louis County Jail for 4<sup>th</sup> degree DWI, .08 or more, and littering.

**Accidents:**

On 12/07/09 at approximately 7 p.m., Officer Esterbrooks responded to the intersection of Arrowhead Road and Stebner Road on the report of an accident. A 47-year-old female attempted to stop her vehicle at the stop sign, but it slid through the intersection, colliding with a vehicle driven by a 22-year-old man. The woman was cited for inattentive driving.

Just after 8:30 on 12/11/09, Officer Volk responded to a two-vehicle accident on Westberg Road. A vehicle driven by a 28-year-old man struck a stalled vehicle. The driver stated he couldn't see the stalled car because of the sun. There was severe front-end damage to his vehicle and the airbags deployed. The man stated he would be taking his daughter to the hospital to be checked out.

**Animal Calls:**

Shortly before 6 p.m. on 12/08/09, Officer Esterbrooks was informed of a dog disturbance on Hermantown Road. After responding to the location, he met with a resident, who stated that he had seen his neighbor's two dogs getting the top off his rabbit cage. The dogs killed one rabbit, but the resident believed the others would be okay. Officer Esterbrooks made contact with the dog owner, who stated that they were having problems with their electric fence and had the company out to work on it. She was issued a citation for dogs at large.

**Theft / Burglary / Shoplifting:**

On 12/07/09, Officer Johnson received the report of a theft of a wallet from a Walmart customer.

The 38-year-old female stated she believed someone took her wallet while she was assisting a relative at the customer service counter. Along with the wallet, Canadian cash and numerous credit cards, gift cards, and miscellaneous cards were taken. The woman was informed by her credit card company that one of her cards was used at two locations in Duluth. The woman had returned home to Canada prior to making the theft report.

Shortly after 11 a.m. on 12/09/09, Officer Pfeiffer received the report of a burglary at a house being constructed on White Pine Street. The reporting party stated he believed someone gained entry to the house sometime between 7 p.m. on 12/08 and 10:30 a.m. on 12/09. Numerous tools, valued at nearly \$14,000, were taken from the residence.

On 12/09/09 at 6:41 p.m., Officer Hansen received the report of an uncooperative shoplifter at Walmart. Loss Prevention observed the 21-year-old female remove the tags from a pair of children's mittens and conceal them in a jacket in her shopping cart. The woman paid for the other items in her cart, but made no attempt to pay for the mittens, which were valued at \$5. She was issued a citation for theft and trespassed from Walmart property.

