



AROUND TOWN

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The following are selected police related incidents that the Hermantown Police Department has responded to between 12/07/08 and 12/13/08.

Disturbances / Domestic / Assaults:

On 12/09/08 Officer Johnson and Officer Volk were advised of a disturbance at a business on Menard Dr. An employee reported that a customer who believed he was being over-charged was screaming and throwing a fit. When the customer became aware that officers were enroute to the business, he paid his bill and left.

Driving While Intoxicated:

On 12/07/08 at 9:30 p.m., an attempt to locate was put out on a possible drunk driver leaving the Beacon Bar. Officer Vedder located the vehicle and arrested the female driver in her driveway for 4th degree DWI, .08 or more, obstructing legal process (resisting arrest), obstructed license plate, and failure to use right half of roadway.

On 12/08/08 at 12:19 a.m., an attempt to locate went out after two callers called 911 to report the driving conduct and location of a possible drunk driver. Officer Vedder stopped the female, who was driving on the wrong side of the road, and performed field sobriety tests.

The driver was arrested for 4th degree DWI, .08 or more, and unsafe change of course and released to a sober family member.

On 12/12/08 at approximately 4:44 p.m., Officer Volk stopped a speeding vehicle on Lavaque Road near the intersection with Maple Grove Road. The 37-year-old male driver was arrested for 3rd degree DWI, .08 or more, and driving after suspension and lodged at the St. Louis County Jail. The registered owner and passenger of the vehicle was a valid driver and was allowed to remove the vehicle from the scene of the traffic stop.

Traffic Stops:

On 12/12/08 at 1:17 a.m., Officer Wick observed a suspicious vehicle come from behind a business on Miller Trunk Highway. He stopped the vehicle and found the driver's license status to be cancelled inimical to public safety. The 44-year-old male driver was lodged at the St. Louis County Jail.

Accidents:

On 12/03/08 at approximately 6:40 PM Officer Salo responded to a report of a hit and run accident that occurred in the parking lot outside of The Landing 53 Bar & Grill. A possible suspect was identified and Officer Salo is continuing this investigation.

On 12/08/08 at approximately 7:25 a.m., Officer Johnson responded to an accident between a passenger car and a school bus. The school bus was stopped on the

shoulder of the road without its lights activated when an unknown vehicle stopped in front of the passenger car. The unknown vehicle continued on and the passenger car struck the rear corner of the school bus. There were three occupants in the car and ten students on the bus. There were no injuries reported.

On 12/08/08 at approximately 8:46 AM Officer Paul Johnson responded to a report of a medical call in which a 49 year-old male driver drove off the roadway. It was determined that the driver had a medical problem that caused him to lose control of his vehicle. The driver was transported to the hospital.

Animal Calls:

On 12/09/08, Officer Johnson received a call from a St. Louis River Road resident, who stated that she had been bitten by a dog on 12/07/08 and was advised by a vet clinic to report the incident to the police. Officer Johnson spoke with the dog's owner and advised the victim of his findings.

On 12/10/08 at approximately 8:46 a.m., the Hermantown Police Department received a report of six large dogs running loose on Grouse Ridge Drive. The caller was concerned because there were neighborhood children outside waiting for the school bus. Three of the dogs owners were found and advised on ordinances against dogs running at large and on obtaining city licenses for their dogs.

On 12/10/08 at approximately 4:48 p.m., the Hermantown Police Department received a call by a concerned passerby who was

requesting police assistance in checking the welfare of dogs at a Midway Road address. Officer Johnson found that the dogs were fine, had food and water, and spoke to the dogs' owner.

Public Assist:

On 12/09/08 Officer Johnson found a driver's license in the snow on the side of Arrowhead Road. The driver's license was mailed to the rightful owner.

Theft / Burglary / Shoplifting:

On 12/13/08 at 1:20 p.m., Officer Hansen was dispatched to Walmart for a report of a shoplifter. The 17-year-old female had attempted to steal two items of clothing. She admitted the theft and was issued a citation and trespassed from the store.

Miscellaneous Numbers:

The Hermantown Police Department responded to 601 calls in October 2008, which is an increase over October 2007, when the department had 592 cases.

Examples of October's cases are:

- 278 traffic stops
- 6 DWI arrests
- 15 attempt to locate calls
- 31 alarms
- 27 reports of theft

The Hermantown Police Department also provides fingerprinting as a service to the community. 15 people were fingerprinted for various background checks, including work-related and adoption/foster parent checks.



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