



# AROUND TOWN

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**Deputy Chief**

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Mark Gunderson

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Paul Johnson

Tom Wick (K9)

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Lisa Volk

Griffin Pfeiffer

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**K-9**

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*The following are selected police related incidents that the Hermantown Police Department has responded to between 12/13/09 to 12/19/09.*

**Disturbances / Domestic / Assaults:**

Just before 1:30 a.m. on 12/15/09, Officer Battaglia, along with assisting deputies, responded to an address on Morris Thomas Road after being advised of a possible domestic assault. Upon arriving, officers spoke with the victim, a 44-year-old woman, and her three daughters. The woman's 42-year-old husband had arrived home intoxicated a short time earlier and had begun arguing with the woman. He pushed her onto a couch and pinned her there. The male was arrested and lodged at the County Jail for domestic assault.

At 10:41 p.m. on 12/16/09, Officers Johnson, Hansen, and Esterbrooks were dispatched to the report of a domestic disturbance at a Morris Thomas Road residence. After speaking with all parties at the residence, officers arrested and lodged a 24-year-old male for domestic assault. The male had gotten into an argument with his 19-year-old girlfriend and had injured her arm and broken her cell phone.

Shortly before 1 a.m. on 12/17/09, Officers Hansen and Esterbrooks

responded to an address on Miller Trunk Highway for a noise complaint. The resident of the apartment, a 19-year-old female, and her guest, a 20-year-old female, both admitted to consuming alcoholic beverages that evening. Both submitted to preliminary breath tests and were cited for underage consumption.

On 12/19/09 at 12:48 a.m., officers responded to the report of a fight outside an Arrowhead Road bar. Officers determined that 3-4 males were involved in the altercation, but the victim was uncooperative, insisting he did not see the suspects and did not know them. The male was examined by Gold Cross Ambulance personnel, who recommended he go to the hospital for his injuries.

**Accidents:**

Just before 1:30 p.m. on 12/15/09, Sgt. Gunderson responded to Sam's Club on the report of a personal injury accident. A 72-year-old woman was taken to the hospital for injuries to her foot. She told Sgt. Gunderson that she put her cart away and turned around, at which time her foot was run over by a vehicle driven by a 61-year-old male.

On 12/15/09 at 3 p.m., Officer Pfeiffer responded to an accident at Hawk Circle Drive and Ugstad Road. A vehicle driven by a 16-year-old female was rear-ended by a vehicle driven by an 18-year-old male. The male stated he was reaching for his cell phone prior to the crash, and he attempted to stop but slid

on snow. The male was issued a citation for inattentive driving.

**Theft / Burglary / Shoplifting:**

At 1:16 p.m. on 12/15/09, Sgt. Gunderson took the report of the theft of a Caterpillar Skid Steer loader valued at \$17,000 from a Miller Trunk business. The owner stated that this theft occurred sometime between November 15, 2009, and December 15, 2009, and that the suspect would have had to load the machine onto a heavy-duty trailer to remove it from the business, as it had a flat tire.

On 12/15/09, Officer Johnson received the report of a shoplifting that had occurred the previous evening at Gander Mountain. Two male suspects stole three fish locator display models with a total value of more than \$5,000. Officer Johnson is currently investigating this theft.

On 12/17/09, Officer Vedder took the report of a dishonored check at the Hermantown Federal Credit Union. The suspect in the fraud cashed a \$600 check written on a closed account out of the Cities area. Investigation continues.

On 12/17/09 at 12:05 p.m., Officer Pfeiffer and Sgt. Gunderson responded to Walmart on the report of an uncooperative shoplifter. The adult female had attempted to leave the store with \$615.08 worth of items in her cart without paying. When Loss Prevention attempted to stop her, she began hitting and kicking at them, as well as screaming, causing a disturbance. Officer Pfeiffer determined that the 29-year-old woman had given officers a false name and had

previously been trespassed from Walmart property for shoplifting at another Walmart store. The woman was lodged at the St. Louis County Jail for gross misdemeanor theft, gross misdemeanor giving false name of another to police officers, disturbing the peace, and trespassing. A female acquaintance that had accompanied her to the store was issued a citation for false name to police officers, as she had told them an incorrect name of the shoplifter.

**Miscellaneous:**

On 12/14/09, Sgt. Marsolek spoke with a Hermantown Schools bus driver reference a school bus stop arm violation report. The bus driver reported that three days prior, a vehicle had driven by the bus when it had its yellow lights flashing, its stop arm extended, and a child waiting to board. Sgt. Marsolek spoke to the owner of the vehicle, a 44-year-old female, who stated that she remembered seeing the bus with its yellow lights flashing, but she stated it did not have red lights on or the stop arm extended.

Just before 3 p.m. on 12/14/09, Officer Volk was advised of a vehicle stalled partially blocking the northbound lane of Miller Trunk Highway near LaVaque Road. The vehicle was unoccupied and Officer Volk had the vehicle towed because it was a hazard.

