



AROUND TOWN

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The following are selected police related incidents that the Hermantown Police Department has responded to between 12/14/08 and 12/20/08.

Disturbances / Domestic / Assaults:

At approximately 1:15 a.m. on 12/14/08, a Matthew Boulevard resident reported harassing phone calls from a juvenile male. While Officer Vedder was speaking to the reporting party, the male called again. When told that law enforcement had been contacted, he apologized and hung up. No further calls were reported.

On 12/16/08 at 8:30 p.m., squads were called to a disturbance at a local restaurant. A former employee was yelling, making threats, and hitting the outside walls. The male was trespassed from the property, arrested on two warrants, and lodged at St. Louis County Jail by Officer Salo.

On 12/19/08 at approximately 5:30 p.m., officers responded to the report of a disturbance on Adrian Lane between a mother and daughter. Both were advised.

Just before 12 p.m. on 12/20/08, Officers were dispatched To Keenes Creek Park on the report of suicide threats by text message. Officers made contact with the female making the threats, who

indicated that she was upset over breaking up with her boyfriend and was trying to get his attention with the messages, but had no intentions of harming herself.

Driving While Intoxicated:

While on Safe & Sober patrol on 12/14/08 on Miller Trunk Hwy, Officer Salo noticed a vehicle traveling at a high rate of speed, despite the blizzard conditions. A traffic stop was made, and the female driver was arrested for 3rd degree DWI because she had a previous DWI conviction in 2002. The driver had a reported blood alcohol content of .09.

On 12/19/08 at 12:30 a.m., Officer Johnson received a call on a vehicle that was all over the road. A traffic stop was made near Deerfield Townhomes. The male driver was uncooperative and refused to take a breath test. He was booked for gross misdemeanor 3rd degree test refusal and 4th degree DWI.

On 12/19/08 at 1:59 a.m., Officer Salo observed a vehicle traveling north in the southbound lane of Haines Road, then drove across the median near Miller Trunk Hwy. The vehicle was stopped and the 20-year-old female failed field sobriety testing. Her blood alcohol content was .21. She was arrested for 2nd degree DWI, .08 or more, Under 21 Drink & Drive, and open container, among other traffic violations, and was lodged at the St. Louis County Jail.

On 12/19/08 just after 7 p.m., Officer Volk responded to a call of a vehicle in the median of Miller Trunk Highway. Officer Volk found that the 24-year-old female driver was intoxicated with a blood alcohol concentration of .08. She was arrested and lodged at the St. Louis County Jail for 4th degree DWI and .08 or more.

Traffic Stops:

On 12/16/08 at approximately 12:50 p.m., Officer Johnson responded to the area of Miller Trunk Highway near LaVaque Road to attempt to locate a reckless driver that was blowing stop signs. The caller reported that the female driver rear-ended another car, stopped, and then took off. She pulled into a parking lot off Miller Trunk Highway and was laying in the snow by the car before getting back into the vehicle and driving away. Officer Johnson located this vehicle at an address on LaVaque Bypass and spoke to the 63-year-old female driver, who stated she rear-ended another car, but the other driver had no damage and did not want to report it. She stated she had been sick recently and believed this may have been the cause of her bad driving. Her coworkers stated they would assist her getting home.

Accidents:

On 12/16/08 at 11:36 a.m., Officer Johnson responded to an accident at the intersection of Mall Drive and Miller Trunk Highway. A 92-year-old female received a citation for failing to yield at the stop lights.

Animal Calls:

On 12/15/08 at 6:38 a.m., a driver on LaVaque Road hit and injured a deer. Officer Pfeiffer responded and dispatched the deer. Driver requested a possession permit for the animal.

Public Assist:

On 12/14/08 at 1:20 a.m., two teenage females were observed walking on Arrowhead Road. They said that they were walking home from Skyline. Officer Vedder advised the girls on the curfew violation, the dangers of walking alone at night, and dressing appropriately for the weather. They were given a ride home.

On 12/18/08, Officer Wick received a call to a reported theft of an employee's vehicle from the Walmart parking lot. The reporting party said that his vehicle was locked and he had the keys. The employee was looking for the vehicle on the west side of the lot, however, it was located parked on the east side. He said he had worked all night.

Theft / Burglary / Shoplifting:

On 12/15/08, a resident reported a theft that occurred when she attempted to purchase a vehicle on the website Craigslist. A money order was sent, however, the vehicle was never shipped. Officer Pfeiffer advised the resident not to respond to ads that require money wires.

