



AROUND TOWN

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The following are selected police related incidents that the Hermantown Police Department has responded to between 12/20/09 to 12/26/09.

Disturbances / Domestic / Assaults:

At 2:45 p.m. on 12/23/09, School Liaison Officer Kody Vedder was advised of a fight that had occurred between two male students. The fight began in gym class and continued afterward in the locker room, where both boys were injured. Both the 14-year-old male and the 15-year-old male seemed remorseful for the fight and the injuries caused to the other boy. Both students were issued citations for disorderly conduct.

On 12/25/09 at 4:43 p.m., Officer Hansen received a report of harassing text messages. A 21-year-old female told Officer Hansen that she and other roommates had kicked a 21-year-old male roommate out due to various reasons. The male was upset over this and was texting harassing and threatening messages to the female and her other roommates. The male admitted there were text messages back and forth, but denied they were threatening in nature, stating they were regarding property and money owed due to the rental situation. The woman was advised on how to get a

harassment restraining order.

At approximately 9:45 p.m. on 12/25/09, Officers Esterbrooks and Pfeiffer responded to a residence on Hermantown Road on the report of damage to property. A 35-year-old male was visiting the resident, a 40-year-old male. The younger man attempted to move the resident's vehicle with the door open, getting it stuck in a snow bank, causing a dent in it. The resident became upset and flipped the younger male's 4-wheeler over. The older man went inside his home and came out with a steak knife, which he used to stab all four tires of the 4-wheeler. The resident was lodged at the St. Louis County Jail on charges of 1st degree (felony) damage to property. Reports have been sent to the attorney's office for review of possible charges against the younger male for endangering a child and driving after cancellation, as the man drove his 4-wheeler on public roadways with his young daughter without proper safety equipment.

Driving While Intoxicated:

On 12/26/09 at 6:25 p.m., Officer Esterbrooks was advised of an attempt to locate for a possible impaired driver that had been seen stumbling in the parking lot of a bar before getting into his vehicle. Officer Esterbrooks located the vehicle and observed it swerving and driving into the snowbank. The 52-year-old male driver failed field sobriety tests and took a preliminary breath test with a result of .174% blood alcohol content. At the police department, the male

pretended to blow air into the Intoxilyzer machine, which resulted in a deficient sample and refusal. The male then told officers his back hurt and he requested Gold Cross Ambulance take him to the Emergency Room. After being released from the hospital's Emergency Room, the male told Officer Esterbrooks he would not go to jail and refused to get dressed until he was informed that he would be brought to jail in his hospital gown. He was transported to the St. Louis County Jail and lodged for 3rd degree test refusal and 4th degree DWI.

Traffic Stops:

On 12/22/09, just before 6:30 p.m., Officer Wick performed a traffic stop on a vehicle for speeding, 52 mph in a 40 mph zone. The female driver indicated to Officer Wick that she did not have her driver's license with her and gave a name and date of birth that did not match the female registered owner's name and date of birth. Officer Wick told the driver that he believed she was, in fact, the registered owner and that she was lying to him because she had two warrants for her arrest. The driver then admitted to Officer Wick that he was correct. The 21-year-old female was lodged at the St. Louis County Jail for false name to peace officer and driving after suspension.

Theft / Burglary / Shoplifting:

On 12/21/09 at 5:05 p.m., Officer Volk was advised of a female shoplifter at Walmart. The 43-year-old woman was observed concealing health and beauty items in an empty purse and attempting to leave the store without paying for them. She admitted that she had over \$900 in

her pocket and that she had shoplifted in the past but had never gotten caught. The total value of the items stolen was \$112.38. The woman was issued a citation for shoplifting and was trespassed from Walmart property.

Shortly after 4 p.m. on 12/23/09, Officer Hansen responded to Pure Pleasure for a shoplifting call. An 18-year-old male had made a small purchase, but set off the alarm when leaving the store. He removed a personal item worth \$29.95 and gave it to the clerk, then went to an area of the store that he had removed the packaging for the item he attempted to steal, and gave that to the clerk as well. The male was issued a citation for theft.

On 12/23/09 at 6:13 p.m., Officer Esterbrooks responded to Walmart on the report of an adult female shoplifter. Loss Prevention advised that the woman was observed selecting two pairs of pants and two polo shirts. The woman then pulled out two Walmart bags and put the clothing inside the bags. She then stood in line at customer service with an unknown female before leaving the exit doors without making any attempt to pay for the merchandise in her bags. The total value of items taken was \$40.37. The 19-year-old female was issued a citation for theft and was trespassed from Walmart property.

