



AROUND TOWN

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The following are selected police related incidents that the Hermantown Police Department has responded to between 12/21/08 and 12/27/08.

Disturbances / Domestic / Assaults:

On the evening of December 21, 2008, Officer Rendulich and a St. Louis County Deputy responded to the report of an unwanted person at a local gas station. The party had been at the store since that morning and would not leave, despite being asked several times. The 47-year-old female had spent the previous night in her car due to the weather and was going to head back to Hibbing after officers spoke with her.

At approximately 2:05 a.m. on 12/25/08, Officer Salo responded to the report of a disturbance at an address on Midway Road. All was calm upon his arrival and an intoxicated resident was advised to go to bed. The reporting party was advised not to hang up on the 911 dispatch operator.

Driving While Intoxicated:

On Christmas Day at 11:53 p.m., Officer Salo stopped a vehicle for crossing over the fog line and discovered that the male was driving with a revoked license and impounded plates. Sobriety

examinations also revealed that he was driving while intoxicated, with a blood alcohol content of .10. The male was arrested for 2nd deg DWI and brought to St. Louis County Jail.

On 12/27/08 at 2:20 a.m., Officer Salo received a call that a vehicle was in the ditch at the intersection of Hwy 2 and Morris Thomas Rd. Upon the Officer's arrival, he observed a male standing outside his van, which was in the snow bank. He was staggering and had slurred speech. After failing field sobriety examinations and a breath test resulting in a .22 blood alcohol content reading, the 36-year-old male was arrested for 3rd degree DWI, and was lodged at the St. Louis County Jail.

Traffic:

One December 22, 2008, at approximately 5:35 p.m., officers received the report of drivers on Maple Grove Road between Haines and Stebner passing in the center lane and on the shoulder. Sgt. Gunderson was in the area at the time of the call. A long line of cars were waiting for stop sign at Stebner Road intersection. Vehicles driving on shoulder were getting in the right turning lane.

Accidents:

On 12/22/08 at approximately 8:18 a.m., Officer Vedder responded to the report of an accident with injuries at the intersection of Miller Trunk Highway and Stebner Road. Upon investigating, Officer Vedder

determined that a 29-year-old male ran a red light and hit a vehicle attempting to make a left turn onto Miller Trunk Highway. Both the 69-year-old male driver and the 63-year-old female passenger in the other vehicle were taken to the hospital by ambulance.

On 12/23/08, shortly after 3:30 p.m., Sgt. Gunderson responded to the report of an accident in the parking lot of Duluth Dodge. A customer had backed into a new Dodge Caliber, causing minor damage to both vehicles.

Animal Calls:

On December 23, 2008, at approximately 6:18 p.m., officers received a report of a Rottweiler with a collar but no tags hanging around all day, running in and out of traffic. The large black and tan female Rottweiler was taken to Friends of Animals.

On December 23, Officer Vedder was advised of possible neglect of ducks at the Sunrise Cemetary. An employee there stated that the ducks had been hanging around for years, but were not pets; however, they broke the ice and fed the ducks every day. The employee also stated that the ducks were now gone. On 12/26/08 Officer Volk received a call from the individual that removed the ducks. She stated the ducks had been left outside, some were frozen to death, and she brought the ones that were still alive to an animal sanctuary in Cotton. Officer Volk advised the reporting party that because she had already removed the ducks, their condition could not be verified by police, and that she should contact the State Humane Society for assistance. Several days later, the party who had taken the ducks called back to again

voice her concerns. Officer Vedder contacted Sunrise Cemetary again and advised them we knew someone took the ducks and that the Humane Society wanted to know what to do with them. Sunrise advised that the ducks were not pets and they did not want them back if people were going to accuse them of neglect.

Public Assist:

On December 26, 2008, at approximately 10:30 p.m., Officer Salo responded to the area of Maple Grove Road and Stebner Road to check the welfare of three females that looked to be about 14 years of age walking. The caller stated the girls were hard to see in the fog and was concerned about their safety. Officer Salo searched the area with no signs of pedestrians.

Theft / Burglary / Shoplifting:

At approximately 4:20 p.m. on 12/22/08, Officer Hansen responded to a report of a vehicle theft. The victim left the vehicle in the Skyline Bowling Lanes parking lot a few hours prior and upon returning, her 2006 Chrysler Town and Country was missing, along with over \$2000 in contents, including Christmas presents. The victim stated the doors were locked and she had the keys; however, there was a spare key with the vehicle.

On 12/24/08 the National Weather Service reported that tools and electronic items worth approximately \$3,900.00 were stolen from their van, while it was parked at a local service center for repairs. There were no signs of forced entry to the vehicle. Officer Wick took the theft report. There are no suspects at this time.

