

AROUND TOWN

During the week of 3/3/24 to 3/9/24, the Hermantown PD had 155 calls.
The following are selected incidents HPD responded to this week.



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Domestic

On March 6th, 2024 at 0143 hours, officers were dispatched to the 4800th block of Miller Trunk Highway for a report of a domestic dispute. A male and female had called in together saying they were having a domestic incident.

After responding to the residence, officers knocked on the front door. A female answered the door and let squads in to the residence. The woman stated that she had bought moonshine for her partner and that he was very intoxicated. The woman told officers that there had been a verbal argument with the man, but it was not physical.

Officers located the man lying on his bed in his bedroom. The man denied calling 911, and said there was nothing physical. The woman told officers that she felt safe and wanted to stay at the residence with the man. No visual injuries were seen and both parties stayed at the residence.

Disturbance

On March 7th, 2024 around 1046 hours, officers received a call explaining reports of an altercation between a male and an employee at the Econo Lodge in Hermantown. It was explained that a man was yelling, screaming and making threats. Officers learned that the man was a previous employee at the motel and was fired for making similar threats in the past. In the previous incident, the male was described as making threats with a knife.

Officers arrived on scene and staff had told them that the man was in a vehicle in the lot, currently driving out of the lot. Officers were able to speak with the man who was unhappy with the way he was treated while employed at the hotel. Officers let the man know that he was trespassed from the Econo Lodge and Motel 6 for one year.

Scam

On March 5th, 2024 at 1101 hours, officers received a call from a man who had received a phone call that he believed was a scam. Officers spoke to the man who explained to officers that he had answered a phone call claiming that he had won \$8 million.

Officers had asked the man if he gave out any personal or identifying information, which he stated he had not. The man told officers that the callers told him they were be sending people to his home later in the day. Officers told the man to call back if people did show up to his home and were unwanted.

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Driving While Intoxicated

On March 7th, 2024 at 0205 hours, Hermantown officers on patrol near the Hermantown Road observed a vehicle traveling east, where it was seen swerving and crossing the center line. The vehicle also turned on to Stebner without using a turn signal, and it also failed to stay in the driving lane.

Officers began to initiate a stop on the vehicle, but despite all of the squad lights being activated, the truck did not come to a stop. Officers explained that it failed to stop until the siren was activated and it then pulled into a driveway.

Once parked, the 51-year-old driver exited the truck. Officers told the driver to return to his vehicle. The driver got back into the truck, leaving the driver's door open. Officers noted that the male's eyes were watery and bloodshot, and could smell a strong odor of alcoholic beverage coming from the vehicle.

When the driver was questioned on how many drinks he had, and he stated he had four or five. Officers also noted as he spoke, his words were slurred. Officers had to assist the man with shutting the door as he was heavily leaning and couldn't do so himself.

Officers began to perform standard field sobriety testing on the man. During these tests, the man nearly fell several times. The officers felt the testing was not safe to continue, so they stopped.

The man was asked if he would be willing to take a PBT test, and he told officers he didn't want to because people could see from the windows nearby.

Based on all observations, officers placed the man under arrest. Once back at the Hermantown intox room, the man was able to give a preliminary breath sample of .19.

Ultimately, the man was charged with 3rd Degree DWI.

Shoplifting

On March 3rd, 2024 at 1650 hours, officers were dispatched to Walmart for the report of a shoplifting incident. Dispatch advised that the juvenile suspect was waiting in the office and mentioned that the suspect was also involved in another shoplifting incident that occurred in February at the store.

Employees told officers that they witnessed the suspect cover up store merchandise in a stroller she was pushing with a blanket and then saw her attempt to exit the general merchandise doors without paying for the items. The 15-year-old suspect admitted to officers that she tried to steal the items and that she didn't have any money to buy them. The female's mother was contacted and stated she had no idea her daughter was going to Walmart and thought she was going to the mall.

The total merchandise stolen was worth \$25.88.

The suspect was charged with shoplifting. The store also requested that the party also be trespassed from the store.

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