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AROUND TOWN

During the week of 01/10/21 to 01/16/21, the Hermantown PD had 148 calls.
The following are selected incidents HPD responded to this week.

Chief

Jim Crace

Commanders

Mark Gunderson
Jon Esterbrooks

Sergeants

William Marsolek
Griffin Pfeiffer - K9

Detective

Lisa Volk

Officers

Jason Salo
Tim Battaglia
Jon Pernu - K9
Jon Enright
Jake Williams
Erika Johnson - SRO
Jeff Dwyer
Quinn Mischke
Olivia Gottschald
Jonathan Stracek

K-9 Officers

Tuuko
Jack

Records

Jessica Sorensen
Dana Ross
Samantha Knapp

Disturbance

Just before 3 p.m. on 01/10/21, a local hotel reported unwanted people. They stated a 54-year-old man was renting a room and there were three people in it causing disturbances, not paying the bill and refusing to leave. Officers arrived on scene and a cab driver there reported that he gave a ride to a 17-year-old female. The fare was \$19.25 and the teenager was unable to pay. Hotel staff were also outside and requested that the female and another 34-year-old female be trespassed from the property. The women stated they were staying with a friend who has a room. The teenager was cited for theft of services. At 6:30 p.m. on the same date, staff reported that they believed the trespassed teenager was back at the hotel and they wanted her and the room renter removed. Officer Enright made contact with the 54-year-old man in the room, along with a 35-year-old female. The teenager was not located. The woman in the room was lodged at the St. Louis County Jail for outstanding warrants. The man was evicted from the property.

On the afternoon of 01/16/21, Menards reported that two males were causing a disturbance. Loss Prevention staff spoke to them about not wearing masks. The males later approached the entrance door with unpaid merchandise; when asked for a receipt, one of the males went to the check-out and purchased the item and the other male threatened the staff member. Officer Salo went to the registered address of the vehicle they left Menards in. The 31-year-old woman that answered the door acknowledged that her teenage son was at Menards, but she was uncooperative and refused to identify the boy. The other male was also at the residence and he, too, refused to identify himself. The males were trespassed from Menards properties. The woman slammed the door on Officer Salo.

Threats:

On 01/13/21, Officer Mischke received the report of threats being made toward Congressman Stauber. A staffer at Congressman Stauber's office advised that she received a phone call from a female that asked if the Congressman was going to be at the Capitol over the weekend to "take bullets." The staff member asked if the caller meant that she wanted him to be shot and the woman said yes and also stated, "you too, deary." Capitol Police advised the staffer to report the threats to local authorities. The phone number of the caller registers to a 62-year-old Duluth woman. Officer Mischke attempted several times to contact the woman without success. Reports will be forwarded to the prosecuting attorney's office for possible charges. In addition, on 01/15/21, the staffer reported that a male caller has called the office 451 times. On a voicemail from 01/15/21, the man threatened to publish private information and encourage protesting. The phone number registers to a 71-year-old Duluth resident.

Miscellaneous:

Just before 6 p.m. on 01/15/21, Fleet Farm requested officers respond for an unwanted male; the man had previously been trespassed from the property. The 32-year-old man was taken into custody for a number of active warrants, including 5th degree possession of a controlled substance,



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possession of ammo by a user of controlled substance, and illegal use of license plates. During a search of the man, officers located a piece of folded paper containing suspected heroin. The man stated it was his girlfriend's and he took it because she is a heroin addict and he did not want her to have an accidental overdose. The man admitted to being an active meth user, stating he last used on 01/13/21. Also on his person was a driver's license belonging to a man he claimed was his landlord. He said he needed a license to make returns at Fleet Farm and buy cigarettes at the gas station. The man had arrived at the store with another male in a Ford Focus that was found to have been stolen in Superior. The vehicle was also displaying a license plate that registered to the same man listed on the driver's license that the man had in his possession. Officers later made contact with that man, who stated he was unaware his license plate was missing. He also did not know that his driver's license was gone. He said that he let the man and his girlfriend stay at his house the previous night but they did not live with him. Officers located and identified the 48-year-old man that was driving the vehicle when the pair arrived at Fleet Farm. Neither male claimed to know anything about the vehicle or that it was stolen, stating that the other had possession of the vehicle when they met up. During a search of the vehicle, officers located a baggie of suspected meth, along with four blue capsules containing a substance that appeared to be heroin. The younger man was lodged at the St. Louis County Jail for his warrants. Reports are being forwarded to the prosecuting attorney's office for possible charges against him for possession of a stolen vehicle, possession of heroin and meth, and possession of hypodermic needles. The older man will be charged with possession of a stolen vehicle, possession of meth, and possession of drug paraphernalia.

Theft

On 01/13/21, a Miller Trunk business reported the theft of a catalytic converter valued at \$2,000. The reporting party believed that this theft occurred sometime after Friday night, 01/08/21. Two other catalytic converter thefts were reported at this business the previous week.

On 01/16/21, officers responded to the Econo Lodge after receiving the report of a theft. A guest at the motel received a package from Amazon, but staff mistakenly gave it to another guest instead. When staff realized the mistake, they contacted the man they gave it to and he told them he could not return it. Officers made contact with the 55-year-old man, who said he opened the package and gave one of the notebooks inside to someone else. He claimed the other notebooks were in his car, which had been stolen; however, Officer Mischke saw one of the books in the man's motel room. The man agreed he was not expecting a package, but took it anyway. He was cited for theft and trespassed from the property. While officers were in contact with the man, he reported that a female acquaintance had stolen his vehicle the previous day. He said that the 31-year-old woman had stayed in his motel room on 01/14/21 and when he woke up the following morning, she and his vehicle were gone. He believed she took the Honda Accord between 5 a. m. and 9 a.m. on 01/15/21. The vehicle theft is under investigation.