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AROUND TOWN

During the week of 01/24/21 to 01/30/21, the Hermantown PD had 136 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

Suspicious Activity:

On the morning of 01/25/21, Officer Dwyer was advised of a vehicle that crashed and abandoned on Berkeley Road. He located the vehicle partly in a snowbank off a driveway. The homeowner stated she found a note stating that the driver would be back in the morning to move the car. The note indicated that they crashed after swerving to miss a deer, which was not consistent with the scene. Officer Dwyer was unable to make contact with the registered owner of the vehicle. A marijuana pipe was located on the floor of the driver's seat and it was taken for destruction. Officer Dwyer also collected a cell phone that a passerby had located in the ditch. The vehicle was towed and is being held until the owner or driver can be located to provide details of what happened.

Driving Under the Influence

At 11:50 p.m. on 01/29/21, Officer Stracek observed a vehicle traveling 67 mph on Midway Road, where the speed limit is 55. As he followed the vehicle, he watched it cross both the centerline and the fog line. The 21-year-old female driver admitted to sharing a 12-pack of Truly's with her three passengers and she stated she was driving them home. The woman performed field sobriety testing, including a preliminary breath test that resulted in a reading of .192% blood alcohol content. She was processed for driving under the influence. Reports are being sent to the prosecuting attorney's office for charges of 3rd degree DWI, .08 or more, and speed.

Accidents:

On 01/28/21 at 12:35 p.m., Officer Gottschald was dispatched to a hit and run accident that occurred at the intersection of Miller Trunk Highway and Highway 194. The victim, a 38-year-old woman, reported being rear-ended by a tan or gold Oldsmobile. A witness also called 911 and was able to provide the license plate number of the suspect vehicle. The witness stated that the suspect fled after hitting the other vehicle; she stated the Oldsmobile was passing vehicles on the right hand side of the highway trying to get away. Officers located the suspect vehicle near Cub Foods. The 35-year-old female driver said she hit the vehicle in front of her and stopped briefly before leaving the scene, claiming she was going to drive downtown and report the accident. She provided Officer Gottschald with a Progressive Insurance card; however, Progressive advised Officer Gottschald that there was no current insurance on the vehicle. The woman was cited for hit and run, driving after revocation, and no insurance. The 69-year-old passenger of the victim vehicle said she had minor pain in her neck from the accident. There was moderate damage to both vehicles.



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Just before 6 p.m. on 01/28/21, a passerby reported a hit and run on Midway Road at the intersection with Arrowhead. The 78-year-old female victim told Officer Stracek that she was travelling southbound on Midway Road when a silver station wagon travelling westbound on Arrowhead Road failed to stop for the stop sign. The station wagon hit the driver's side of the victim's vehicle. The woman stated she was not injured in the crash. Officers were unable to locate the suspect vehicle, which continued westbound on Arrowhead Road.



During a two hour period on the afternoon of 01/30/21, officers were advised of five accidents in the city. One driver was cited for failing to yield the right of way. A 36-year-old woman was transported to a local hospital for a possible neck injury.

K9:

On 01/25/21, Officer Pernu and K9 Jack were called to assist Duluth Police in a search for a man wanted on multiple felony charges ranging from domestic assault to burglary. The man was believed to be hiding in the basement of a duplex, which was completely dark, so K9 Jack was sent down the steps to search. Officer Pernu could hear K9 Jack begin to scratch and claw, indicating he located the male. Officers then moved into the basement and found the suspect barricaded behind a mattress, table, and stacked up totes. K9 Jack had already knocked down half the barricade on his own trying to get to the suspect. Officers took the man into custody.

Theft

On 01/25/21, a Timber Ridge resident reported the theft of a Smith & Wesson handgun from his apartment. He stated he didn't know when it was taken but he noticed it gone the previous week. He advised Officer Enright that he believed an acquaintance had taken the gun.

On 01/26/21, a 22-year-old Hermantown resident reported that someone hacked into his Coinbase account and stole \$22,000 in cryptocurrency by transferring it to an unknown PayPal account. Officer Dwyer is working with PayPal to determine who the money was sent to.