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AROUND TOWN

During the week of 02/07/21 to 02/13/21, the Hermantown PD had 152 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

Damage to Property:

At 3:41 a.m. on 02/07/21, a 19-year-old Timber Ridge Townhomes resident reported that he returned home to find his front door kicked in. The man stated he and two friends had left his apartment between 9 and 10 for a night out in Superior. He said that one of the friends, also 19, ended up in cuffs in Superior and was driven to another location by Superior Police. The reporting party said that the friend began calling him around 2:30 a.m., berating him and their other friend for not sticking up for him and letting the cops arrest him, and threatening to kick in his front door. Officer Pernu later confirmed with a Superior Police officer that the other man had been arrested for damaging a stall door. He attempted to call the suspect to get his side of the story, but was unable to make contact.

Accidents:

On the morning of 02/10/21, Officer Salo responded to the intersection of Lavaque and Arrowhead Roads for an accident. The 35-year-old driver of a Chevy Silverado stated he was stopped at the stop sign on eastbound Arrowhead Road. He stated he waited for another vehicle and then proceeded through the intersection. He said that a Nissan Versa went immediately after the vehicle he had waited for and it struck his passenger side. A witness agreed that the Nissan did not stop completely and went through the intersection before it was clear. When asked what happened, the 55-year-old female driver of the Nissan told Officer Salo, "I hit him." She was cited for inattentive driving. Her vehicle was towed from the scene.

Theft:

Just before 4 a.m. on 02/07/21, Officer Pernu and assisting officers responded to Hobbytown USA for a security alarm. The rear door to the business was found open, but no one was located. Officer Dwyer discovered that the lock had been drilled to disable it. The owner responded and determined that a remote control truck valued at \$320 had been taken from the office and a \$450 trail buggy was taken from a display. Officer Pernu reviewed surveillance footage with the owner and observed two males in the store. One of the males can be seen wearing a headlamp during his time in the store. The pair were in the shop for no more than one minute. This incident is under investigation.



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On the afternoon of 02/07/21, a Ridgewood Apartments resident reported that her vehicle had been entered in the last 24 hours and a number of items had been taken. She said she did not notice any damage to her car and believes she may have left it unlocked. Items missing included Saucony running shoes, RayBan sunglasses, an HP printer, Yak Tracks, a roadside kit, and miscellaneous items.

On 02/07/21, Officer Enright responded to Walmart for the report of an employee theft. Loss Prevention had records of 28 separate instances where the 18-year-old employee took food/drink items off the shelf while working and did not pay for them. The incidents began in October 2020 and ended in December. The suspect admitted to taking items for his lunches and on his breaks and said he began doing it when he saw coworkers getting away with it. The man was cited for theft. The value of the items taken was \$146.23.

On 02/10/21, Slumberland Furniture reported the theft of a catalytic converter off one of their work vans. The reporting party stated this occurred sometime overnight.

At 11 a.m. on 02/10/21, the manager of a Lightning Drive business reported a vehicle prowl that occurred between 5 p.m. on Friday 02/05/21 and 8:30 a.m. on Tuesday 02/09/21. He stated tools were taken from a work truck that was parked in the lot.

On 02/10/21 at 5:54 p.m., officers were dispatched to Fleet Farm for a male shoplifter. The 33-year-old man was attempting to steal an air pistol. Officers were able to stop the man and recover the merchandise. The man is being charged with possession of burglary tools and for shoplifting.

On 02/11/21 at 3:21 p.m., Walmart reported a male shoplifter. The 38-year-old man stated he went through the self-check and purchased a few towels, but that he had other items that he did not plan on paying for. The value of those items was \$499.82. The man was cited and trespassed.