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AROUND TOWN

During the week of 04/18/21 to 04/24/21, the Hermantown PD had 163 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

On the morning of April 18, a 26-year-old man reported that his vehicle had been broken into over the weekend at his residence. No other vehicles in the lot appeared to have been broken into. The man stated he could not think of anyone who would do this to him out of anger. He said nothing was taken from the vehicle.

Suspicious Activity

On April 21, officers were dispatched to a call of suspicious activity. The reporting party stated that they saw a vehicle spin out, and then park on the side of the road. They believed that two people occupied the vehicle and appeared to be arguing. Officers spoke with the involved people, separately, and were given the same story. The individuals began arguing, because they had run out of gas. They had help on the way.

Accidents

On the morning of April 18, Officer Volk was advised of an accident on Midway Road near Rose Road. The 60-year-old driver stated a deer had ran out in front of their vehicle. There was severe damage to the frontend and to the windshield of their Subaru Forester.



On April 18 at 12:45 p.m., officers were advised of an accident in the 5100 block of Maple Grove Road in which a Ford Explorer went into the ditch and struck a tree. A witness advised that the vehicle slammed into the north curb, before crossing the road to the south ditch. The witness stated the driver attempted to correct the vehicle but was not able to. The driver's side front tire came off and the vehicle went into the ditch. The accident appeared to possibly be equipment related and the 24-year-old driver showed no signs of impairment. The driver sustained minor injuries.





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On April 20, around 10:40 p.m., officers were advised of an accident on Maple Grove Road, east of Stebner Road. The driver stated that a deer jumped out of the ditch and struck their vehicle on the passenger's side near the headlight area. The driver noticed that the headlight was cracked, but was not sure of any other damage, as it was dark outside. The deer was not on the roadway when the officer arrived on scene.

Around 6:45 a.m. on April 22, officers were dispatched to the 4700 block of Miller Trunk Highway for the report of an accident involving a motor vehicle and a deer. It was reported that the vehicle's hubcap flew off the wheel and that the deer was in the northeast lane of Miller Trunk Highway. There was minor damage to the front end of the vehicle and the driver did not sustain any injuries.



On April 22, around 2:00 p.m., officers were dispatched to an accident involving a motor vehicle and deer on Miller Trunk Highway. The reporting party stated that the involved driver had left the scene, but was concerned that the deer may still be alive. When officers arrived, the deer had already passed and was moved out of the roadway.

Around 6:45 p.m. on April 24, officers were dispatched to a property damage call that stemmed from a hit and run. The reporting party stated that their vehicle was rear-ended by another vehicle on Miller Trunk Highway, near Stebner Road. After hitting the reporting party, the suspect continued south on Miller Trunk Highway. The reporting party did not sustain any injuries. Officers were unable to locate the suspect.

Theft

On April 21, officers were dispatched to an after-the-fact shoplifting call at Fleet Farm. Officer Gottschald arrived on scene and was provided with video of a male suspect concealing a Lowrance touch screen display that was valued at \$1,199.99. Officer Gottschald was able to identify the 27-year-old male and felony charges for theft were sent to court for charging.

Miscellaneous

On April 24, officers received a call regarding a missing stop sign on Stebner Road and Hermantown Road. The sign was facing westbound on Hermantown Road. Officers contacted Public Works, and they were on scene within the hour to address the stop sign issue.