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AROUND TOWN

During the week of 05/02/21 to 05/08/21, the Hermantown PD had 187 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

Around 1:00 p.m. on May 5, officers were dispatched to a call of suspicious activity. The reporting party stated that they were just getting into their vehicle at the Subway on Miller Trunk Highway, when an unknown male tried to get into the rear passenger door of the vehicle. The reporting party stated that they looked at the unknown male and shook their head 'no.' The unknown male shook his head 'yes,' in response. The reporting party then quickly put their vehicle into reverse and left the store. The incident happened about an hour prior to being reported, and the suspect was not located. This incident is under investigation.

Driving Under the Influence

On the afternoon of May 4, officers were dispatched to the report of a potential driver under the influence near Loberg Avenue. Officers were able to find the suspect vehicle. Upon contacting the 25-year-old female driver, officers immediately detected a strong odor of alcoholic beverage coming from the vehicle. The driver refused to take a breath test, and was transported to the St. Louis County Jail on 2nd Degree DWI and 2nd Degree Refusal charges.

Accidents

On the afternoon of May 2, officers were dispatched to an after-the-fact hit and run call. The reporting party stated that their vehicle was hit in the Walmart parking lot the day prior. There was damage to the front bumper, which appeared to be consistent with a ball hitch. This accident is currently under investigation.

On the evening of May 6, officers were dispatched to the call of motor vehicle accident near the intersection of Loberg Avenue and Market Street. It was found that one vehicle had rear-ended another. The driver who caused the accident was issued a citation for inattentive driving.

Around 4:50 p.m. on May 6, officers were dispatched to the call of a two-vehicle accident in the parking lot of Sam's Club. There were no reported injuries.

Miscellaneous



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Around 2:00 p.m. on May 7, officers were dispatched to a call of a check forgery in progress at the National Bank of Commerce. The suspect vehicle had two occupants. Officers Salo and Gottschald arrived on scene, and the suspect attempted to drive away. The officers followed the suspect into the Sam's Club parking lot and were able to corner the vehicle to come to a stop. The driver was a 38-year-old female and the passenger was 35-year-old male. The male admitted to attempting to cash the check and said that the driver was only his ride. The male was ultimately taken to the St. Louis County Jail and was lodged for a felony.

Theft

On the afternoon of May 3, officers were dispatched to the report of a male shoplifter call at Walmart. It was reported that the 48-year-old male was concealing merchandise, and was trying to hide a TV in his cart by covering it with poster boards. When officers encountered the male, he admitted to stealing over \$450.00 worth of merchandise. The male was issued a citation for shoplifting.

Around 12:35 p.m. on May 4, officers were dispatched to Fleet Farm for the report of a shoplifting that had occurred approximately thirty minutes prior. The male was observed concealing merchandise valued at \$14.99. The male was able to get out of the store, and was unable to be located.

Around 6:20 p.m. on May 4, officers were dispatched to a shoplifter in progress call at Walmart. Upon arrival, Officer Stracek was able to meet with two of the suspects who had been detained by Walmart Loss Prevention. Officer Stracek then learned that a third suspect was fleeing the rear of the store and had active warrants. A St. Louis County Deputy arrived with his K9 partner to help track the last suspect. The K9 was able to find the 22-year-old male suspect in swampy terrain. The suspect surrendered when he saw the K9 approaching. The suspect was transported to the St. Louis County Jail and booked on his warrants. The 54-year-old female suspect was issued a citation for shoplifting.

On the morning of May 5, officers were dispatched to the call of a vehicle theft. The reporting party stated that their vehicle was lent to a family member. That family member drove to Kwik Trip on Haines Road with some friends. Upon exiting the store, the individual noticed that the vehicle was gone. This case is under investigation.