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AROUND TOWN

During the week of 05/09/21 to 05/15/21, the Hermantown PD had 171 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

On the evening of May 15, officers were dispatched to the call of a domestic. The victim stated that the suspect was trying to kill them with an axe. Officers arrived on scene and could hear a verbal argument inside of the residence. As the officer approached the front door, the 47-year-old female suspect was exiting the residence with an axe in one hand and a gun case in the other. The suspect immediately dropped her weapons and complied with the officers commands. The suspect was arrested and booked on assault charges. The victim suffered a minor bite injury.

Suspicious Activity

On the afternoon of May 9, officers were dispatched to a drug incident at Walmart. The reporting party stated that they saw someone "shooting up some heroin" in a vehicle. Officers arrived on scene and found the suspect vehicle in the fire lane. The suspect was asked to step out of the vehicle and admitted to being a drug user. The 27-year-old female also stated that the officer would find many bloody needles in the vehicle. The officer also confiscated a plastic bag with marijuana in it. The woman was cited for possession of marijuana and for the possession of needles.

Accidents

Around 7:30 p.m. on May 11, officers were advised by dispatched that the Superior Police Department was pursuing a vehicle northbound on Miller Trunk Highway. They were pursuing the vehicle based on probable charges relating to a domestic that had occurred in Superior earlier that day. The suspect vehicle ended up colliding with another vehicle at the intersection of Miller Trunk Highway and Haines Road. The suspect had fled the scene of the accident, leaving behind a female passenger with injuries. K9 Officer Jack was deployed to help track the 25-year-old male. The suspect was found submerged in cold water in the mouth of a culvert and surrendered immediately. The driver and passenger of the other vehicle sustained extensive injuries.

Theft

Around 5:00 p.m. on May 10, officers were dispatched to a shoplifting call at Walmart. A female was reported to be concealing items in her purse near the deli area. Officer Stracek was able to stop the woman outside of the store and escorted her back inside. The 20-year-old female initially gave officers a fictitious name. Officers were able to



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figure out her real name and found that she also had active warrants. The female is being charged with a Gross Misdemeanor for giving a false name and with a Misdemeanor for shoplifting. She was also taken to the St. Louis County Jail and was lodged on her warrants.

Around 7:15 p.m. on May 11, officers were dispatched to Walmart for the report of a shoplifting. Dispatch advised that the male suspect under rang merchandise at the self-checkout. Officer Enright was able to stop the 43-year-old male. The male admitted to stealing \$75.37 worth of merchandise. He was charged with a Misdemeanor for shoplifting.

On the evening of May 13, officers were dispatched to the report of a stolen credit card. The card was reportedly used at Fleet Farm. The victim thought that the card was stolen from their vehicle. After reviewing video at Fleet Farm, officers were able to identify the card user. The card user just so happened to be friends with the victim. They stated that the card was left in their home, they were intending on returning the card, and did not realize that they accidentally used it. No charges were pressed, as the friends were able to work this one out on their own.

Around 5:30 p.m. on May 15, officers were dispatched to Walmart for the report of a female concealing merchandise in her purse. The 22-year-old was attempted to leave the store, but was eventually escorted back into Walmart by Sergeant Pernu. She was charged for Misdemeanor shoplifting \$58.08 worth of Walmart merchandise.

Around 6:15 p.m. on May 15, officers were again dispatched to Walmart for a shoplifting call. A 50-year-old female attempted to leave the store, but was stopped and escorted back in by Officer Stracek. The female admitted to placing a sticker for \$1.75 on a \$64.00 item. She also admitted to stealing other merchandise as well. The total value of the items stolen was \$117.80. The woman was also found to have active warrants. She was given a citation for shoplifting, and then transported to the St. Louis County Jail where she was booked on her warrants.