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# AROUND TOWN

During the week of 05/30/21 to 06/05/21, the Hermantown PD had 265 calls.  
The following are selected incidents HPD responded to this week.

## Chief

Jim Crace

## Commanders

Mark Gunderson  
Jon Esterbrooks

## Sergeants

Griffin Pfeiffer - K9  
Jon Pernu - K9

## Detective

Jake Williams  
Jeff Dwyer

## Officers

Jason Salo  
Lisa Volk  
Tim Battaglia  
Jon Enright  
Erika Johnson - SRO  
Quinn Mischke  
Olivia Gottschald  
Jonathan Stracek  
Andrew Leibel

## K-9 Officers

Tuuko  
Jack

## Records

Jessica Sorensen  
Dana Ross  
Samantha Knapp

### Driving Under the Influence

Around 10:45 p.m. on June 1, Officer Stracek witnessed a vehicle traveling 68 mph in a posted 55 mph zone. When he caught up with the vehicle, he activated his emergency lights to perform a traffic stop. As he approached the vehicle to make contact with the driver, he noticed that the 35-year-old female had glossy eyes and smelled of an alcoholic beverage. The driver was asked to step out of the vehicle to perform Standard Field Sobriety Tests. The female could not pass the tests, and was asked to take a Preliminary Breath Test on the road, but refused. The female was arrested and transported to the Hermantown Police Department, where she decided to take a breath test. The test result was a 0.29 BAC. She was then transported to the St. Louis County Jail, where she was booked on 2<sup>nd</sup> Degree DWI, open bottle and speeding charges.

Around 1:30 a.m. on June 2, Sergeant Pernu conducted a traffic stop on a vehicle that was traveling 94 mph in a posted 40 mph zone. Upon making contact with the driver, Sergeant Pernu could smell an odor of alcohol coming from the 22-year-old male and noticed that he had glossy eyes with slurred speech. The male was very argumentative and refused to take a breath test. Ultimately, the male was taken to the Saint Louis County Jail where he was booked on charges of 2<sup>nd</sup> Degree DWI, along with 2<sup>nd</sup> Degree DWI Test Refusal and speeding.

### Accidents

On May 31, officers were dispatched to Kwik Trip for the report of an accident in the carwash. It was found that as the driver entered the carwash, their steering wheel was turned, without them making the turn. After this happened, the vehicle became stuck in the carwash, but the tracks continued to push the vehicle forward. The vehicle had damage to the hood and to the driver's side front bumper, while the carwash track was out of alignment. No injuries were sustained.





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Around 2:50 p.m. on June 4, officers were dispatched to a motor vehicle accident on Haines Road with no injuries. One of the involved drivers stated that they were northbound on Haines Road planning to turn into Kwik Trip. As the driver began to turn into the lot, the vehicle's right rear wheel was struck by another vehicle. This caused disabling damage to both vehicles. One of the drivers was issued a citation for failure to yield to a motor vehicle.



## Miscellaneous

On June 1 at approximately 7:20 p.m., Sergeant Pernu was driving a routine patrol on Midway Road, when he noticed a vehicle parked in the shoulder and the passengers standing outside of it. After running a routine query of the plate, he found that there was an alert on the vehicle, and the occupants of the vehicle needed to be identified for a burglary investigation. Sergeant Pernu turned around to catch up to the vehicle and noticed that the vehicle appeared to be trying to elude him. After catching up, he was able to make a traffic stop. Deputies with the St. Louis County arrived to assist Sergeant Pernu as well. The three occupants of the vehicle were identified. It was found that there was probable cause from the Cass County Sheriff's Department to detain the 36 year-old male occupant, as he was involved in a burglary. The other two occupants were sent on their way.

## Theft

On May 30, officers were dispatched to the report of a shoplifting at Walmart. A 38-year-old male was seen taking spider wire off merchandise, concealed it, and attempted to leave the store. The male had \$152.20 worth of merchandise in his possession. He admitted to stealing the items, and was issued a citation for shoplifting.

Around 6:00 p.m. on May 31, officers were dispatched to Walmart for the report of a shoplifter-in-progress call. Officers were informed that a female was concealing makeup and personal hygiene merchandise in her purse. The 35-year-old female was stopped and she was found to have \$51.21 worth of stolen merchandise. The female admitted to stealing the items and stated that she did not have a way to pay for them. She was issued a citation for theft.