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AROUND TOWN

During the week of 06/27/21 to 07/03/21, the Hermantown PD had 176 calls.
The following are selected incidents HPD responded to this week.

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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
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Accidents

On the afternoon of 06/27/21, Officer Enright responded to the intersection of Miller Trunk Highway and Arrowhead Road for a 3-vehicle accident. The 16-year-old driver of a Nissan Sentra said she was on Miller Trunk approaching Arrowhead and didn't really remember what happened. She admitted she wasn't paying good enough attention and was trying to get directions to the air show. The Sentra had rear-ended a Honda Pilot that was stopped for a red light, which then was pushed into the vehicle in front of it, a Subaru Outback. The front seat passenger in the Sentra had a cut on his face and the two backseat passengers complained of pain, cuts, and soreness. No one was transported from the scene. The Sentra and Pilot were towed due to disabling damage. The teenage driver was cited for inattentive driving and warned for having too many passengers for a provisional license.

Just before 5 p.m. on 06/29/21, Officer Enright was advised of an accident in front of the FedEx building on Midway Road. A 20-year-old male stated he was northbound on Midway waiting to turn into the FedEx driveway. He said there was bumper to bumper traffic stopped in the southbound lane, but the vehicles left a gap for him to turn. As he made the turn, a vehicle that was traveling southbound on the shoulder of the road struck him in the rear passenger side wheel area. The driver of that vehicle, a 49-year-old man, admitted he was driving on the shoulder to pass the backed up traffic, but stated it wasn't that far beyond the driveway to FedEx, which is where he was also trying to get to. He was cited for illegally passing on the right.

On 07/02/21 at 1:30 p.m., officers were advised of an accident at the intersection of Arrowhead and Lavaque Roads involving a motorcycle and a Chevy Impala. When officers arrived on scene, the 56-year-old motorcycle driver was lying on the northbound shoulder of Lavaque Road. Numerous passersby were holding the man in a position to stabilize him; three nurses were on scene, as well as a former fire fighter. A witness advised Officer Johnson that she had been traveling eastbound behind the Impala, which stopped at the stop sign before proceeding into the intersection, where it was struck by the southbound motorcycle. She stated the motorcycle had not stopped at the stop sign. She said when the motorcycle hit the car, the motorcyclist "cartwheeled" over the vehicle. The following day, the wife of the motorcycle driver advised Officer Johnson that the man suffered many broken bones, including his arm, pelvis, and skull.

Theft

Just before 6 a.m. on 06/29/21, a 33-year-old man reported that he parked his truck at the Holiday Inn Express, where he was staying, and it was now parked at the Econo Lodge. He stated he woke up at 2 a.m. and observed the truck still parked where he left it, but when he woke up at 5:15 a.m., the truck and attached trailer were no longer where he left them. Officer



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Enright responded to the scene and noted that the dump trailer had been disconnected from the truck. Inside the vehicle, two packs of cigarettes, a hat, keys, Cheetos, and a power inverter were located that the reporting party stated did not belong to him. Another male approached and stated that his vehicle, which had been parked in the Econo Lodge lot, was entered overnight. He stated his truck had been locked and the cigarettes and power inverter that Officer Enright located were from his vehicle. The reporting party stated that a hat was taken from inside the truck. In addition, a new Honda generator valued at \$1200 had been taken. The generator was later located at Pawn America. Another caller later reported that his vehicle had also been entered and items had been taken. He stated a weed eater, gym bags with miscellaneous items, bug spray, three pairs of shoes, and a GPS had been taken. He stated the suspect left a cigarette bun in the front seat area.

On the afternoon of 07/01/21, Walmart reported a female concealing items in a purse and under-ringing items at the self-check. Loss Prevention stopped the 25-year-old woman and Officer Salo met with her in the loss prevention office, where she confessed to the theft and allowed Officer Salo to search her purse. Officer Salo located suspected controlled substances and paraphernalia in the purse. Some of substances field tested positive for methamphetamine. Other substances came back inconclusive but are believed to be heroin and fentanyl. These substances have been sent to the BCA for further testing. The woman confessed that they were hers. Officers located the woman's boyfriend, who was waiting for her, and determined that he had an active warrant. During a search incident to arrest, drug paraphernalia was located on his person. Charges are pending results of the BCA drug testing.

On 07/02/21, just before 7:30 a.m., Officer Johnson responded to Pure Pleasure for the report of a shoplifter. The 26-year-old female admitted to concealing an item worth \$24.99 in her pocket. She made no attempt to pay for the item until she set off the alarm for the second time and was advised it would be reported to law enforcement. The woman advised Officer Johnson she was low on money, despite spending approximately \$80 on paraphernalia. She also stated she has an upcoming court appearance in Wisconsin for a paraphernalia case. She was cited for theft and trespassed from the business.

On 07/03/21, Kolar Hyundai reported the theft of a catalytic converter. They were able to find surveillance video of the incident, which occurred just before 9 p.m. on 06/30/21. The suspect vehicle, a Dodge Charger, had also been reported to have been at Volkswagen of Duluth on 06/30/21. At that time, an occupant of the vehicle had taken a catalytic converter out of the scrap bin. The vehicle left for 5-10 minutes and returned; occupants were then told to leave by employees.