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AROUND TOWN

During the week of 08/29/21 to 09/04/21, the Hermantown PD had 257 calls.
The following are selected incidents HPD responded to this week.

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Jim Crace

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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

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Jessica Sorensen
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Disturbance

On 08/29/21 at 11 p.m., a Berkeley Road resident reported loud music coming from cars at Keenes Creek Park and also stated there was yelling as if there could be fighting. The caller believed there were probably 10-15 people. Squads arrived to a full parking lot of cars and people everywhere. It was believed there were around 100 or so people involved. Many fled on foot and others were told to find their friends and leave. Officers found that the group was there for some unknown person's birthday that was advertised on social media. Officers later located alcohol, a table, and milk crates abandoned on the baseball field. Officers cleaned up the field and destroyed the alcohol.



At 5:40 p.m. on 09/01/21, officers were dispatched to a disturbance on Evergreen Lane. The 52-year-old reporting party stated that her neighbor assaulted her and injured her arm. When officers arrived on scene, the woman said that her neighbor came onto her porch to take her lamp and an altercation ensues. The woman would not get into detail other than to say she was "pummeled." She initially said that her arm was broken from the incident and later stated that her collarbone was injured. Paramedics observed the woman lift both arms to fix her hair, pick up a heavy bag, and look through her house to find a key. They advised officers that they did not believe the woman had any broken bones due to how mobile she was. When Officer Gottschald attempted to get a recorded statement, the woman walked away and went with the ambulance to the hospital. The woman's 63-year-old neighbor told officers that for the past two weeks, the woman had been shining a light similar to a spotlight into the neighbor's window, despite being asked several times to stop. The neighbor said that she saw the woman walking down the road tonight and asked her to not do it that evening, but that the woman went to her house and turned on the light, directing it into the neighbor's window. The neighbor said she then went to the woman's house and attempted to grab the light, which resulted in a pulling match between the two. She said the woman ended up on her back kicking the neighbor repeatedly. She also stated that during the incident, she dropped her phone and when she attempted to retrieve it, the woman bit her hand for approximately one minute before letting go. The neighbor had scrapes and cuts on her legs and toes from the incident, along with a small bruise on her right hand from the bite. She apologized for going to the woman's house



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and said she just wanted the issues to stop. Shortly after 10 p.m. that night, the woman contacted Officer Gottschald to ask if her neighbor had been arrested for assaulting her and was upset when told that the neighbor had not been arrested. At this time, the woman said her collarbone was broken. Officer Mischke requested that the woman sign a medical release form, but she stated she wanted to speak with her attorney before doing so.

Driving Under the Influence

Just before 10 p.m. on 09/02/21, Chief Crace, who was working a Toward Zero Death special traffic enforcement shift, observed a black Jetta traveling approximately 18 mph over the speed limit. The 26-year-old driver was cordial and cooperative and when asked, admitted that he had been drinking earlier in the night. He agreed to perform field sobriety testing, including a preliminary breath test that resulted in a reading of .156% blood alcohol content. He was cited for 4th degree DWI, .08 or more, speed, and driving after revocation.

On 09/04/21 at 12:13 a.m., dispatch reported an attempt to locate on a vehicle that was repeatedly hitting the curb and swerving on the roadway. The reporting party was following the vehicle and providing location updates. Officers Stracek contacted the caller, who stated he was afraid that the driver of the vehicle was going to hurt someone. Officer Stracek located the suspect vehicle and observed it cross into the opposing lane before correcting itself. He then performed a traffic stop and spoke to the 29-year-old female driver, who said she and her passengers had been to a concert at Bayfront and were headed home. She said she was the designated driver. The woman said she had nothing to drink, even though she was wearing a beer wristband. She performed field sobriety testing and provided a preliminary breath test sample of .176% blood alcohol content. She later told Officer Stracek that she drank at a friend's house, a restaurant, and at the concert. The woman said she did not remember hitting any curbs. Reports have been forwarded to the prosecuting attorney's office for 3rd degree DWI, .08 or more, and failing to drive in a single lane.

Theft

On 09/03/21, Volkswagen of Duluth reported the theft of tires and rims from a GMC Acadia in their lot. Employees had found the vehicle that morning sitting on its axles.

On the morning of 09/04/21, Officer Volk was advised by a Stebner Road homeowner that someone had been in their garage overnight and had rifled through their belongings. The woman stated that they had accidentally left their garage door open overnight. A stroller from the garage had been thrown into their front yard. The suspect(s) also went through the unlocked vehicle that was parked in the garage. The woman said it didn't appear that anything was damaged and she had not yet noticed anything missing.