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AROUND TOWN

During the week of 11/07/21 to 11/13/21, the Hermantown PD had 194 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

On 11/07/21 at approximately 1:45 a.m., Officer Stracek was working a Toward Zero Death special traffic enforcement shift when he observed a vehicle without a driver's side headlight. The vehicle also failed to signal prior to 100 feet before an intersection when turning. After performing a traffic stop, he noted that the 34-year-old female driver had glossy eyes and slurred speech. She admitted to drinking two White Claws. The woman performed field sobriety testing and provided a preliminary breath sample that resulted in a reading of .181% blood alcohol content. While being processed for DWI at the Hermantown Police Department, the woman spent around 70 minutes on the phone during her attorney-contact time. When she was finished, she declined to take the breath test. When asked what her reason was, she responded, "I refuse, I don't know, he didn't tell me a reason." When processing was complete, the woman was allowed to make a phone call, as she asked to call her attorney back. She then changed her mind and decided she wanted to provide a breath test. She was advised that she had been provided with attorney time and had already made the decision to refuse the test. The woman was booked at the St. Louis County Jail for charges of 3rd degree DWI, .08 or more, failure to signal, and headlight violation.

Fires

On 11/09/21, just after 5 p.m., a caller reported a fire in the front yard of a Hermantown Road residence. The caller advised that they thought the fire was out of control, headed toward trees, and that someone was spraying a garden hose on it. Officer Leibel spoke to the homeowner, who provided a current burning permit with activation numbers written down in the proper boxes. The fire was under control and a garden hose was nearby as a precaution.

Fraud

On the morning of 11/11/21, a 26-year-old Superior resident reported that someone stole his credit cards in Superior and used them at the Hermantown Walmart. There was a fraudulent charge of \$852.36 on one card and another card had a \$532.86 charge.

Theft

On the morning of 11/10/21, Walmart loss prevention reported a female in the store that has been involved in previous thefts. On this morning, the woman walked out of the doors with a cart of stolen merchandise. She had four items valued at \$357.00, including two sound bars, a purse, and a hat. On 10/10/21, the woman had stolen four items valued at



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\$282.88 including Legos and a baby monitor. In that incident, she fled the scene before officers arrived and a citation had been mailed to her. The woman admitted to both thefts, stating she spends \$200 a day on heroin and that she gets money every day from shoplifting and selling the items on Facebook marketplace. She was trespassed from Walmart and Sam's Club properties. Reports have been forwarded to the prosecuting attorney with a request that the woman be charged with gross misdemeanor theft instead of two misdemeanors.

Accidents

At approximately 12:40 p.m. on 11/11/21, Officer Salo responded to the scene of an accident at Morris Thomas and Stebner Roads. He spoke to both drivers and an independent witness, who all confirmed that a northbound Subaru Forester failed to stop at the stop sign and caused a t-bone crash with a westbound Ford Escape. The 66-year-old female driver of the Forester was transported to a local hospital by ambulance. The Escape's 56-year-old driver and 21-year-old passenger were going to drive to the hospital to be checked out. The Forester driver was issued a citation for failing to stop.

