



Hermantown Police Department
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AROUND TOWN

During the week of 11/14/21 to 11/20/21, the Hermantown PD had 188 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

Just after 9 p.m. on 11/17/21, Officer Mischke observed a vehicle traveling at a high rate of speed on Haines Road. He activated his radar and discovered that the vehicle was going 63 mph in a 40 mph zone. He performed a traffic stop and made contact with the 41-year-old female driver. She did not have a reason for her speed and ultimately admitted she was going home after being at a bar in Duluth. She admitted to having two or four beers. The woman performed field sobriety testing, including a preliminary breath test that resulted in a reading of .151% blood alcohol content. The woman was cited for 4th degree DWI, .08 or more, and speed.

Damage to Property

On 11/14/21, a 46-year-old Ugstad Road resident reported damage to his metal garage roof. He located a hole that suggested a bullet could have been fired from the area of the Gun Club on Highway 2. He advised that there is a smaller sign prohibiting rifles and pistols from being fired on the range and a large sign saying that it was open to the public. Officer Leibel drove to the range and noticed that the gate was left open and anyone could drive into the parking lot. The man was advised to contact Midway Township regarding the range. He was also advised to call 911 immediately in the event that he believes rifle rounds are being fired on the range so officers can respond.

Drugs

At 1 a.m. on 11/15/21, Officer Stracek observed an occupied running vehicle on the backside of the Econo Lodge with its headlights on. A female exited the driver's seat of the vehicle and left it running while she went inside. Approximately 10 minutes later, the female returned to the vehicle and Officer Stracek made contact with her. She stated she was putting makeup on. Officer Stracek detected a strong odor of marijuana emitting from the vehicle and there was a rolling tray sitting next to the female. She admitted there was marijuana in the vehicle and said she'd been staying at the motel. Officer Stracek confiscated 16.9 grams of marijuana, THC vape cartridges, and a bong. The 17-year-old female was cited for possession of marijuana in a motor vehicle.

Accidents

On the afternoon of 11/15/21, Officer Johnson responded to an accident at Lavaque and Arrowhead Roads. A 16-year-old male driving a Subaru had to slam on his brakes after two vehicles in front of him slammed on their brakes. Due to the icy road conditions, he swerved to hit the shoulder/ditch instead of rear-ending the vehicle in front of him. In going off the roadway, he struck two mailboxes and posts that caused damage to the front of his vehicle and almost the entire length of the passenger side. The vehicle was towed due to disabling damage.



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Traffic

On 11/15/21 at 1:15 p.m., Officer Enright observed a Silverado traveling 60 mph in a 45 mph zone. He performed a traffic stop on the vehicle and the male driver began getting out of the truck. After being instructed to stay in the vehicle, the man was apologetic about speeding. He said that he didn't have his driver's license on him, as it was in at work in a toolbox. He verbally gave his name but verbally stumbled when asked for his date of birth. The man advised Officer Enright that he lived on Brandi "Avenue" when his driver's license stated it was Brandi "Street." He was initially unable to give the correct house number for the address. Officer Enright advised the man that he couldn't let him go without confirming his identity. The man then admitted that he was not who he said he was and that he gave his brother's name. He said he didn't want to get in trouble for driving against his driving restrictions on his license. The 33-year-old man was lodged at the St. Louis County Jail for providing a false name and speeding.

Fleeing

On 11/20/21, shortly after 12:30 p.m., a Wild Rose Trail resident reported a suspicious male that showed up in his driveway on foot. He said the male began walking in circles and repeating himself and he appeared to be under the influence. The reporting party advised that the male wanted to use the reporting party's phone to call for a ride. The reporting party allowed him to use the phone on speaker and then advised the male to walk down to Getchell Road to be picked up. Officer Salo reached someone at the number the male had called, but when he asked who the male was, the person on the phone hung up and turned their phone off. Officer Salo drove north on Getchell and west on Morris Thomas. In the 5000 block of Morris Thomas, he saw a male matching the description. He pulled over and got out of his squad to talk to the male, who said he was 17, had an argument with his mother, and had walked from West Duluth. He said he wanted to go to a friend's house. The male initially provided a name and date of birth that would make him 19 years old, not 17. When Officer Salo again asked who he was, he gave a different name with a date of birth that would make him 25 years old. After running that name, Officer Salo told the male that there was a warrant for that name, but that it didn't look like him. At this time, the man fled on foot through a yard and into the woods. Officer Salo pursued on foot and ordered him to stop several times. The male fell twice; the second time, he stayed on the ground and appeared to be out of breath. After first responders checked the male and cleared him, he was taken to the Hermantown Police Department. He provided a third name with a date of birth that would make him 16 years old. After advising the male he would need to go to jail to be fingerprinted and identified, he was honest and provided his real name and date of birth, which made him 21 years old. He said he ran because he had DOC warrants. Officer Salo confirmed the man's identity and lodged him at the St. Louis County Jail for giving a false name of another, fleeing on foot, and for his warrants.