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AROUND TOWN

During the week of 05/22/22 to 05/28/22, the Hermantown PD had 164 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

Trespassing

While driving through the Walmart parking lot at approximately 5 p.m. on 05/23/22, Officer Stracek observed a man sitting in a vehicle that had recently been cited for shoplifting at Walmart. Officer Stracek made contact with the man through his open door and asked if he had received the citation in the mail. He said he didn't and slammed the car door in Officer Stracek's face. As Officer Stracek confirmed with dispatch that the man had been trespassed, the man exited his vehicle to help his wife load her purchase. He was cited for trespassing. The 35-year-old then apologized for his previous behavior.

Driving Under the Influence

Just before 2:30 a.m. on 05/22/22, Officer Stracek observed a vehicle traveling over the posted speed limit. The 25-year-old male driver said he was driving his female passenger somewhere before going home. The man initially stated he had one drink and hour prior to the traffic stop, but after performing poorly on field sobriety tests, he admitted to having more. His preliminary breath test resulted in a reading of .141% blood alcohol content. He was cited for 4th degree DWI, .08 or more, and speed.

On the afternoon of 05/27/22, officers were advised of a shoplifter in fled in a vehicle, almost hitting another car in the process. Officers located the vehicle and made contact with the male driver, who was also the suspect in the shoplifting incident. When asked his name, the man initially responded with one name, then quickly said a different name. He spelled his name and provided a date of birth. Officer Stracek noted that the man's pupils were almost non-existent. The man admitted to using fentanyl that morning. He also admitted to sleeping for days at a time when using. After field sobriety testing, the 28-year-old man was transported to a local hospital for a blood test. Charges are pending results of the test.

Traffic

On 05/26/22 at 3:45 p.m., Officer Stracek was observing traffic near Hermantown Elementary School. He observed a Ford F250 displaying a license plate with tabs that expired in 2021. He noted that the license plate registered to a 1995 Dodge Ram 1500. The driver stated he didn't know that the plate didn't belong to the truck. A check of the vehicle's VIN showed that it was registered to a different man and had plates that had expired in June 2021. The 44-year-old man was unable to provide insurance and had a revoked driver's license. He was advised to park the truck and get plates and insurance. A check of the man's history showed that he has 11 pending cases for no proof of insurance or no insurance and seven convictions in the last ten years. In addition, he had previously been charged for illegal use of license plates. Reports were sent to the prosecuting attorney's office for charges of gross misdemeanor no proof of insurance, driving after revocation, illegal use of license plates, and no registration/plates.



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Parking

On 05/28/22, Officer Stracek responded to Walmart for a parking complaint. He located a vehicle parked in a handicapped spot without a placard and observed a man loading his groceries into the vehicle. The man admitted to not being handicapped and not having a reason to be parked there. Officer Stracek detected a strong odor of marijuana emitting from the vehicle and confiscated a small amount. The 30-year-old man was issued a citation for the handicap parking violation.

Theft

Shortly after 9 p.m. on 05/24/22, a Haines Road resident reported the theft of a 2008 Ford F350. The man told Sgt. Pernu that the truck had been blocking his garage, so he moved it to another location on the property. The place he parked the truck would not have been visible from the road. He stated he then left the residence in another vehicle and when he returned, the F350 was gone. He stated that the vehicle was taken between 5:30 and 7:30 p.m. and that the keys had been left in his unsecured garage. This vehicle theft is under investigation.

On the afternoon of 05/28/22, Officer Mischke took the report of a theft from a vehicle that had been parked in a Miller Trunk Highway business lot. The reporting party stated his vehicle had been parked in the lot for approximately three weeks. When he returned to the vehicle, he noticed that his front license plate was missing. Several days before, Officer Salo also took a report of a stolen license plate. In that incident, a vehicle had been parked at a local hotel overnight and the rear plate had been taken. Video showed a white SUV back into the spot next to the victim's vehicle. The passenger walked behind the victim's vehicle and after several minutes, got back onto the SUV, which then left the lot.