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AROUND TOWN

During the week of 06/11/23 to 06/17/23, the Hermantown PD had 162 calls. The following are selected incidents HPD responded to this week.

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Commanders Mark Gunderson Jon Esterbrooks

Sergeants Griffin Pfeiffer - K9 Jon Pernu - K9

Detective Jake Williams Jeff Dwyer

Officers Jason Salo Tim Battaglia Jon Enright Erika Johnson - SRO Olivia Gottschald Jonathan Stracek Andrew Leibel Alex Prouse

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Miscellaneous

On June 14, 2023 at 12:03 hours, 911 received a call from the 5000 block of Jennifer Circle, stating that a female caller was reporting two men outside messing with the side window and that she was sneaking over to see if they were still out there. Officers arrived and checked the address and the area and found no one around and nothing suspicious to note. After speaking with the caller, the RP mentioned that she thought she might have been dreaming.

Vehicle Prowl

On June 14, 2023 around 13:23 hours, a 57-year-old man called in from the 5800th Block of Old Hwy 2. The RP called to report that he believed someone was in his truck the previous night. The male said he found a flash light in his truck that does not belong to him. He also noted that his truck was found disheveled but he did not think anything was stolen. He just wanted LE to know about it. Nothing further.

Accident

On June 16, 2023 at 12:20 hours, Officer Prouse was dispatched to a three-vehicle traffic accident on Midway Road near Morris Thomas Road. Officers arrived on scene and observed three vehicles parked on the shoulder of the roadway across from the Adolph Store. Officer Prouse made contact with three involved parties who all advised they were not injured.

Driver 1 stated he was driving southbound on Midway Road, just south of the railroad tracks where he was stopped in standstill traffic, as another vehicle was waiting to turn left into the store parking lot. The 72-year-old male said a vehicle, found to be Driver 2's vehicle, rear ended his vehicle all of a sudden. Driver 2 stated she was driving on Midway Rd, stopped in standstill traffic when a vehicle, found to be Driver 3's vehicle, rear ended her. Driver 2, a 19-year-old female, said the collision caused her vehicle to rear end Driver 1's vehicle. I observed Vehicle 2 had sustained rear and front-end damage, with the front end being pushed inwards. The vehicle's radiator was bent, leaking, and was disabled.

Driver 3, a 17-year-old female, stated she was driving southbound on Midway Road but she was looking down for something within her vehicle and did not notice traffic was at a standstill. Driver 3 said she rear ended Driver 2's vehicle. I observed Driver 3's vehicle had sustained minor damage to the front-end area. The third driver was then issued a citation for following too closely.



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On June 12, 2023 at 2155 hours, Officer Gottschald was southbound on Miller Trunk when a deer ran in front of her patrol squad. The car in the left lane next to the officer clipped the deer, but said the only damage was to their driver's side mirror. The officer then observed a few cars pulled over on the northbound side of Miller Trunk. Officer Gottschald then turned around and located one male on a motorcycle who had hit the deer.

The male was sitting up and talking with off duty MAYO who treated his minor injuries. The patient was a 28-year-old male who was operating at the time. The motorcycle had moderate damage to the front and the man was wearing a helmet. MAYO arrived on scene and transported the patient.

On June 11, 2023 at 1506 hours near the 4800th block of Miller Trunk Hwy, a 38-year-old male stated he was going to work around two hours ago on his electric bicycle, and was at the intersection of W Arrowhead and Miller Trunk Hwy when this happened. The man said that said there was a loud car behind him that was revving its engine, and it ended up startling him. After this, the male told officers that he must have hit a pot hole or a bump, because he lost control of the bike and fell off. He described that the bike went airborne, and when it landed the rear tire was damaged.

Disturbance

On June 17, 2023 at 2012 hours, Hermantown officers received a phone call from a woman regarding a disturbance at her residence. The caller explained that her neighbor was at her residence and glanced across the street to see that a 49-year-old male was visiting another local resident. The callers house guest asked if the male was the party she believed it was, and eventually confirmed that it was. The guest said that she suspected this male to do drugs, and she left the residence and walked across the street and yelled at the male to leave the neighborhood because he does drugs and no one wanted him there.

The male then yelled back at the female as she walked to her residence. The male then walked over to the reporting parties house and began yelling at her about being accused of doing drugs. The male was reported to have yelled the "f word" multiple times at the caller. Because of this interaction, the caller requested that the male be trespassed from her property.

Officers then visited the male at his residence on Arrowhead Road. Officer Leibel asked what had happened and stated the male had a similar recollection of events, but left out



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the hostility towards the female reporting party. Officers advised the male that he was trespassed from the woman's property. The male was also very apologetic and stated that he was embarrassed with the whole situation.