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During the week of 08/06/23 to 08/12/23, the Hermantown PD had 224 calls.
The following are selected incidents HPD responded to this week.

Property Damage

On August 11, 2023 at 0658 hours, Officers were dispatched to a damage to property call near the 5300 block of Hermantown Road. The reporting party stated damage to her mailbox that occurred sometime overnight. The homeowner told officers that she noticed damage to her mailbox when she left the house that morning. She also stated that a few mailboxes to the west of her address had possibly been damaged overnight as well.

The officer arrived on scene a short time later and observed damage to the caller's mailbox as the steel post was leaning and the plastic mailbox affixed to the post was damaged. The plastic cover to the mailbox was located in the ditch a short distance away. Officers retrieved the mailbox cover and placed the cover back on the mailbox. The cost to replace the plastic mailbox is approximately \$50.

Officers also went and checked the mailboxes to the west of the caller's address and observed the mailboxes near the 5400th block of Hermantown Road. The boxes appeared to be intact, but the posts to some mailboxes also appeared to have been leaning heavily.

Later at 1330 hours, officers received a call from the 3900 block of Lindahl Road stating that a couple of mailboxes had been damaged. Officers spoke with one of the homeowners who claimed that their mailbox and a neighbors appeared to be hit with something like a baseball bat. The damage for the caller's mailbox was estimated to be \$100. Later in the evening, officers took another call near the 5700 block of Hagberg Road. Officers photographed the damage.

Disturbance

On August 12, 2023 at 2005 hours, Officers were dispatched to disturbance call near the Walmart in Hermantown where a fight with at least four people was witnessed. It appeared to be three females and one male. The caller noted seeing a tire off of a vehicle and someone in a minivan yelling at the people from a truck.

When Officers arrived on scene, the minivan had left the area. An older male walked up to officers and told them he intervened prior to anything escalating and the van left. Officers spoke with the male and female parties separately and they both stated they did not know the occupants of the van. The unknown occupants of the van exited the car and the 31-year-old male engaged verbally before the older male helped deescalate. A 22-year-old female stated she and the 31-year-old male were frustrated over their truck problems but there was nothing

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physical and both stated things were fine. Nothing to support any domestic related events and the fight ended before it started.

Traffic Accident

On August 9, 2023 at 1651 hours, officers were dispatched to an accident near the 4300 block of Lavaque Road. Vehicle 1, driven by a 24-year-old male, was traveling southbound on Lavaque Road and attempted to overtake a paint crew painting the west fog line on Lavaque Road. Vehicle 2, driven by a 60-year-old female, was traveling northbound on Lavaque Road and was struck by the Vehicle 1 in a sideswipe manner. No injuries were reported on scene.

On August 8, 2023 at 0706 hours, officers were alerted of a crash that occurred inside a local service garage near 4700 block of Miller Trunk Hwy. A 26-year-old female stated her Vehicle 1 was parked inside and a 62-year old male pulled in behind it with Vehicle 2 bumping the rear bumper. No injuries were reported. It appeared the front bumper of Vehicle 2 only touched the hitch receiver on the Vehicle 1. Minor denting to Vehicle 2, no observable damage to Vehicle 1.

Driver 1 called in to officers after the facts and wanted to add that the male was texting when he hit her vehicle. Officers advised that since the crash occurred on private property, they could not enforce action for a hands-free violation and that any issues over insurance claims was a civil matter.

DWI

On August 6, 2023 at 2035 hours, Hermantown officers responded to a gas station near the 4700 block of Hermantown Road for a vehicle accident. Upon arrival, officers located a female standing next to an SUV and a male standing next to a motorcycle. As officers spoke with the 41-year-old male, they detected a moderate odor of alcohol coming from his breath. They also found that his eyes were glossy, speech was slurred and it appeared that he urinated on himself. After failing the standard field sobriety testing, he refused to provide a preliminary breath test. He was then transported to the Hermantown Police Department Intox Room where he provided a DMT that resulted in a 0.23. The man was charged with 3rd Deg DWI, DAR and No Proof of Insurance.

On August 8, 2023 at 2301 hours, a Hermantown officer was on routine patrol in the area of Miller Trunk Hwy and West Arrowhead Road. He observed a motorcycle driving onto the highway from the frontage road near the Anytime Fitness. While the motorcycle was northbound on Miller Trunk Hwy, the officer observed it driving at 30-35 MPH, and then picked up to 62 MPH in a 55 MPH as it neared Cirrus Drive.

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The officer conducted a traffic stop and verified the 49-year-old male's identification. He learned the male did not have a valid Minnesota driver's license and admitted to having two drinks. The male then agreed to standard field sobriety tests which he failed. The male refused taking a preliminary breath test. He told officers that he was leaving and attempted to flee on foot towards the woods. He was then transported to the Hermantown Police Department Intox Room where his DMT resulted in a 0.18. The man was ultimately transported to the Saint Louis County Jail where he was lodged on 1st Deg DWI, DAC-IPS, Fleeing on Foot, and Exceeding the Speed Limit.

