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During the week of 1/7/24 to 1/13/24, the Hermantown PD had 139 calls.  
The following are selected incidents HPD responded to this week.

## Unwanted Person

On January 11, 2024 at 1815 hours, Hermantown officers were dispatched to an unwanted person call at Subway near the 5600<sup>th</sup> block Miller Trunk Hwy. Dispatch stated that a male customer was being aggressive with the Subway staff and was currently outside in a vehicle. The caller reported that this male was previously banned from the store for making threats to beat up another Subway employee for the lack of tomatoes on his sandwich.

Officers arrived on scene, but the man had already left. The employee told officers that at first glance he thought the man ordering was the male that was banned, but decided to take his order and try to avoid any conflict.

The male started his order requesting a layer of cheese, then meat, and then cheese. The employee said when he got to the toppings, the male requested mayo on the bread and lettuce. The employee said when he put the lettuce on the sandwich the male was angry and yelled "why the hell would you do it like that". The employee told officers that he asked the male to calm down and apologized, but the male continued raising his voice and yelling. He then asked the male to leave and the male refused. At that point, the employee told the male that he was banned previously and that he was not supposed to be in the store and asked the man to leave several more times after that. Each time the male refused to leave and continued yelling at the employees.

The employee said other customers in line left the store because of his actions. The gas station employees near the Subway location also stated that they heard the male yelling at the employee. Eventually the Speedway employees spoke to the male and the male left to his vehicle and waited in the parking lot for some time before leaving. It was then the store employees decided to call 911 and have the man trespassed.

Police then went to the residence of the 41-year-old man. The man admitted to being involved in the incident at Subway and stated that he did nothing wrong. He told officers that he was very particular about his food, and the associate was not listening to his requests. He further admitted to being upset and felt that the associates were not doing their job.

I then advised the man that he was being trespassed from this Speedway and Subway location. He was advised that if he returned to the property he would be charged and arrested for trespassing.

## Vehicle Prowl

On January 10<sup>th</sup>, 2024 around 1700 hours, officers received a call of theft from a parking lot near the 4700<sup>th</sup> W Arrowhead Road. The 19-year-old vehicle owner stated that she dropped her car off to be worked on Monday evening as her car was to be worked on the next day. She stated she locked the doors and that she left her Minnesota Driver's License in the glove box.

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On Wednesday morning, she realized she needed her driver's license for a flight the next day. She went to her car and checked for her driver's license and that was when she discovered it was missing. The woman stated that she searched her house and car for her driver's license, but did not locate it. As a result, she believed it was stolen from the car.

Officers then spoke with the employees regarding this incident. They located the key in the drop box Tuesday morning. The car had not been broken into and was brought inside on Tuesday morning to be worked on. It was brought back outside later and locked again.

It is unknown when the driver's license was stolen or lost. Value of the license is \$26.00. Officers noted there are no suspects at this time.

## Traffic Accident

On January 12<sup>th</sup>, 2024, officers received a call from a woman regarding an accident she was in at the Walmart parking lot the previous day. Officers spoke with the 59-year-old woman by phone who stated that she was in her vehicle in a handicap spot at Walmart and a vehicle slid into the rear bumper of her vehicle. She stated she gave the 28-year-old male driver her insurance information and requested insurance information from him, but he entered his car and left the property. She did not observe any damage, but contacted her insurance company anyway who advised her to contact law enforcement.

Officers then reviewed footage and found that the attached vehicle driven by the male pulled up behind her and she backed out of her parking spot and backed into the side of his car. Officers were able to contact the man and was able to get the insurance information. The man stated he did not realize that she requested insurance information from him. Officers then contacted the woman about the video footage and she became angry and denied backing into him.

On January 10<sup>th</sup> around 0747 hours, officers were alerted of a vehicle accident near the Ugstad Road and Hawk Circle Drive. Driver 1, a 17-year-old male, was driving south on Ugstad Road. He stated he was following a bus that had turned off into the Hawk Circle entrance. Driver 2, a 37-year-old man, was leaving Hawk Circle and was turning south on Ugstad. Driver 1 continued south and Driver 2 pulled out onto the Ugstad Road. It was then that Driver 2 crashed into Driver 1's at the intersection. Both vehicles needed to be towed and no injuries were reported.

Driver 2 was ultimately given a citation for Failure to Yield.

## Shoplifting

On January 13<sup>th</sup>, 2024 around 2201 hours, Walmart employees called to report a fleeing shoplifter from the store. The caller stated that the unknown male suspect took Pokémon cards and other possible items and left without paying. Loss prevention had attempted to stop the male, but the suspect fled into the parking lot. The male was last observed running towards Haines Road on

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Miller Trunk Hwy. Employees informed officers that the male appeared to be alone inside the store and did not appear to have a vehicle. Officers checked the area and were not able to locate the suspect.

