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**During the week of 5/19/24 to 05/25/24, the Hermantown PD had 227 calls. The following are selected incidents HPD responded to this week.**

## **Domestic**

On May 23, 2024 around 1706 hours, dispatch alerted officers of a disturbance call near the Lavaque and Hermantown Road area. The caller stated that they had witnessed two people fighting in a vehicle. The caller stated that a male party was screaming at a woman and leaning aggressively towards her. The caller feared a female in the car may have been getting hit by the man.

The caller updating officers and told them that they had witnessed the woman run into the woods and witnessed the male chasing the woman. Officers were able to respond and spoke to the woman in private. The 34-year-old woman told officers that her dog was acting up in the back seat and they were trying to grab the dog. During this, the dog got out of the vehicle and ran off. The woman told officers there was no argument at all. The officers then spoke with the 33-year-old male party who stated that the dog was jumping around uncontrollably and there were no arguments and nothing physical.

## **Fraud**

On May 23, 2024 around 1052 hours, officers received a call concerning a possible fraud call. The male caller told officers that he had some concerns about a call for services he had received.

Officers spoke to the man who explained that his wife had received a call from a man offering to come and look at their roof for repairs. The man had told his wife to hang up, which she did. The man was worried because the caller had learned of their address. Officers assured the man that if a person comes to their home offering services, he can call 911 for support. No loss and no further assistance needed at this time.

## **Traffic Accident**

On May 21<sup>st</sup>, 2024 at 1400 hours, officers were dispatched to a two-vehicle accident at the intersection of Haines and Maple Grove Road.

Officers arrived and spoke to Driver 1, a 76-year-old woman, who stated that she was driving southbound on Haines Road preparing to turn onto Maple Grove when the other involved vehicle made a left turn between two vehicles stopped for the red light and struck the side of her vehicle. Officers noted that a witness on scene also collaborated this statement.

Officers then spoke with the other driver, a 72-year-old woman, who said she was driving northbound Haines when she attempted to make a left turn into the Kwik Trip parking lot. The woman explained that she did not see Driver 1's vehicle and collided with it. She also admitted to officers that was her fault. Damaged was observed on both vehicles.

Ultimately, Driver 2 received a citation for failure to yield.

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## Person with Gun

On 5/24/24 at 0935 hours, officers were dispatched to an after-the-fact report of a person with a weapon at Mobile One Lube Express. The reporting party advised dispatchers she wanted to speak with an officer about a person brandishing a weapon on 5/23/24.

Officers responded on scene and learned that on the previous day around 1413 hours, a customer of the store came in for services to be done to his vehicle.

The 49-year-old man had been in several times before, and had several prior interactions with store employee. The reporting party stated that she knew the man had made strange remarks in the past, such as he was a bail bondsman and had shot people in the past.

During the services being performed on his vehicle, the customer suddenly said that the employee had a warrant, then displayed what appeared to be a black handgun with a long barrel, pointed it at the employee and reporting party for a second or two, and then put it away back inside of the vehicle. The man told the employee that it was just a pellet gun, but that he had a real gun in the trunk of the vehicle.

The reporting party told the customer to not be pointing guns at people, and he left after services were performed on his vehicle. Officers reviewed security footage of the incident and observed the man holding up a black object and appear to point it at the aforementioned while laughing.

Officers called the man and he immediately knew what this call was about and he apologized for his behavior. The man said he only brought the non-lethal gun out as the employee was talking about how he wanted a pellet gun, so he wanted to show him his. The man said he should not have done it and apologized again, and that he never meant anything by it. The man was advised that staff wished him trespass from the store, and he understood.

## Shoplifting

On May 24<sup>th</sup>, 2024 at 1450 hours, Hermantown officers were dispatched to a report of a shoplifter at Walmart. An employee stated a male took a bunch of cards and ran out of the store.

The caller stated he last saw the suspect male going Eastbound on Market Street from Loberg Ave. Shortly after, officers made contact with a 46-year-old male suspect. Officers asked the man if he came from Walmart, and he eventually said that he "threw it down" and started "booking it" because he should not have done it. After running the man's identification, officers learned that he had an active St. Louis County warrant for theft. He was advised he was under arrest and began tensing his muscles and loudly yelling profanities multiple times during this process.

Officers returned to Walmart and learned the stolen merchandise totaled \$193.63. The man filled a shopping basket and ran out of the store without making any attempt to pay. Employees initially ran after the man and observed him drop the basket on the sidewalk outside of Walmart, so all items were recovered.

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