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**During the week of 07/07/24 to 07/13/24, the Hermantown PD had 221 calls.
The following are selected incidents HPD responded to this week.**

Dog left in Vehicle

On July 9th, 2024 at 1354 hours, officers were alerted that a dog was found left in a vehicle the was not running at the Sam's Club in Hermantown. Officers responded to the scene and found a group of people who were attempting to pour water through a cracked window to the dog.

The vehicle was not running and there were three windows cracked about 1-2 inches. Officers noted that the dog was panting and in clear distress. The dog had defecated in the back seat while people were waiting for law enforcement to arrive.

Due to the dog being in distress, officers utilized an unlock kit and was able to open the driver's door. The dog was very friendly and jumped from the vehicle. Officers took the dog to the squad car and turned up the air conditioning in an attempt to cool off the dog. The dog continued panting but appeared to be cooling down.

At 1422 hours, the owner had still not returned to the vehicle. The officer had the store page the owner. At 1428 hours, the owner, a 24-year-old woman, came to her vehicle. The woman told the officer that she wasn't sure why it was an issue to leave her dog inside of her vehicle. Officers advised the woman that the current temperature outside was 82 degrees and that the inside of her vehicle was significantly warmer.

Officers explained that her dog had defecated in the backseat and was in distress when they arrived. The woman tried to tell the officer that she was only in the store for 15 minutes, but the officer explained that she was already on scene for nearly a half hour already, and it was further reported to dispatch prior to her arrival. The woman told the officer that she thought her dog would be safe in the vehicle due to the windows being rolled down. The woman did acknowledge after seeing how her dog was acting in distress that it was too hot outside to leave her dog in a vehicle that was not running.

The woman was ultimately cited for endangering her dog by leaving it in an unattended vehicle.

Shoplifting

On July 7th, 2024 at 1537 hours, officers were dispatched to a report of a shoplifter at the Hermantown Walmart. Store employees reported that a female suspect attempted to shoplift but was stopped. The suspect argued with employees and left in a vehicle. The store employee advised that all the merchandise was recovered.

The store employee told officers that the suspect went through self-checkouts and caught their attention because she wasn't scanning all the items before placing them into her cart. An associate corrected the suspect and scanned the items she missed. The suspect placed all the items in the shopping cart and left the register without completing payment for the items. It was at this time the associate followed the suspect out of the store and confronted the suspect in the parking lot. The total for the shoplifted items was \$120.49.

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At 1543 hours, the Duluth Police Department was dispatched to a report of a reckless driver who almost hit another vehicle head on. The vehicle in the reckless driving complaint was the same vehicle in the shoplifting incident. The reporting party advised the female driver parked in the Super One parking lot in the Burning Tree Plaza after nearly hitting them. The reporting party said the female driver of the vehicle apologized for almost hitting them and asked them not to call the police. The female driver then exited the vehicle and left on foot. Squads checked the area and the vehicle was no longer in the parking lot.

Through this incident and further investigation, officers were able to identify the 37-year-old woman. She was issued a citation for shoplifting.

On July 8th, 2024 at 1532 hours, officers were dispatched to a shoplifting incident at Walmart in Hermantown.

Officers arrived on scene and met with store employees and the suspect, a 33-year-old woman. Employees stated that they observed the woman at the self-checkout and it looked like she had tags in her hand they began to monitor the transaction. The woman appeared to be scanning incorrect barcodes for items that were cheaper than the items she was actually purchasing.

The woman's receipt totaled \$106.30. On the receipt, it appeared there were numerous items repetitively rung up at very low amounts. On the receipt, only a handful of items were actually rung up correctly totaling \$47.14.

The actual value of the items that were rung up incorrectly totaled \$528.53. The woman had only paid \$59.16 toward these items which created a net loss to Walmart of \$469.37.

Officers then spoke with the woman who admitted to using cheap bar codes to ring up items in an attempt to get them for cheaper than their actual value. Ultimately, the woman was trespassed from all Walmart stores for one year and was cited for shoplifting.

Tenant Trouble

On July 12th, 2024 around 1635 hours, officers received a call from the 5000th block of Hwy 194. The caller was stated that his roommate was refusing to let him in the basement to use the washer and dryer.

Officers met with a 51-year-old man outside the residence. He stated he went to do laundry down in the room where this roommate, a 29-year-old male, was living. Officers then knocked on the door to the basement area. The 29-year old man stated he didn't know that his roommate wanted to do laundry and told us he had no problem with him doing laundry. The male stated that the caller didn't try communicating with him and said sometimes he only finds out that his roommate is upset about something when he calls the police. Both parties agreed that they would be okay together in the home and could resolve the laundry issue for the night.

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