

# AROUND TOWN

During the week of 09/08/24 to 09/14/24, the Hermantown PD had 226 calls.  
The following are selected incidents HPD responded to this week.



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Andrew Leibel  
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## Flee in MV

On September 10<sup>th</sup>, 2024 near 2118 hours, officers were driving Northbound on Haines Road passing the intersection of Hermantown Road/Piedmont Avenue and observed a vehicle waiting at a red light. The officer found that the vehicle's registration was expired and decided to pursue a traffic stop. At this time, the officer also observed the vehicle had an inoperable license plate light to the rear.

As the officer was a ways behind the vehicle, they activated their emergency lights to drive through the intersection and attempt to catch up to the suspect vehicle. At this time, officers observed the suspect vehicle was driving Westbound at what appeared to be a high rate of speed, past Loberg Avenue. The vehicle appeared to be driving 75mph in a 50mph speed zone. The vehicle turned onto Stebner Road and continued to accelerate Northbound at a high rate of speed. It became clear to the officer that the vehicle was fleeing at this time.

The suspect vehicle drove through the intersection of Arrowhead Road without stopping for the stop sign. Ultimately the officer was forced to perform a PIT maneuver to attempt a safe end of the pursuit, which was successful.

The driver of the vehicle appeared to be attempting to shift the vehicle back into gear when an assisting agencies deputy made intentional contact at a low rate of speed with his squad. Between the two squads, officers were able to box the suspect vehicle in to prevent it from fleeing again.

Officers then commanded the 22-year-old male out of the vehicle where he was placed under arrest. After running the male's identification, officers learned that he was revoked in the state of Minnesota.

Ultimately, the man was charged with Fleeing Police in a Motor Vehicle, Driving after revocation, speeding, plate light not working and expired tabs. He was lodged at the Saint Louis County Jail.

## Hit & Run

On September 10<sup>th</sup>, 2024 at 1525 hours, officers were dispatched to a hit and run near the 4100<sup>th</sup> block of Meadow Parkway in Hermantown. The reporting party, a 22-year-old man, said that his vehicle was hit and damaged. The man believed the vehicle was either hit at his residence in Hermantown or at the University of Superior Wisconsin.

Officers spoke to the man who explained that his vehicle was hit and there was damage to the driver's side near the front of the vehicle. He said that he believed the damage occurred the night before while his vehicle was parked outside his residence. He also said that he didn't think the damage occurred at his college because he would've walked past the damage and believed he would've noticed it.

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The man estimated the damage to cost approximately \$500 to repair. The case was suspended pending further information.

## Traffic Stop

On September 8<sup>th</sup>, 2024 at 0835 hours, Officers patrolling the area near Haines Road and Mary Lane in Hermantown noticed a vehicle travelling northbound at a speed that appeared way over the posted 40 mph speed limit. The vehicle's speed was then recorded to be at 60 mph in a posted 40 mph zone.

The officer performed a vehicle stop near the Haines Road and Morris Thomas Road because it took time to catch up to the speeding vehicle. The driver was identified as a 19-year-old woman. She admitted she was going at least 65 mph. The woman told officers that she saw another speeding vehicle and wanted to catch up to it. She also admitted to slamming on her brakes when she saw the squad car. She estimated that her and the other vehicle were likely going around 75 mph.

Ultimately, the woman was issued a citation for 60 mph in a posted 40 mph zone.

## Customer Trouble

On September 10<sup>th</sup>, 2024 around 2115 hours, officers were dispatched to a customer issue at the Econo Lodge in Hermantown. Officers learned that a female was refusing to leave and that she may have put her hands on another guest. No injuries were reported at this time.

Officers soon arrived on scene and spoke to the employee at the front desk. They explained to officers that currently part of the building's power was out and one of the guests were not happy about it and was creating a scene asking for a refund. They agreed to a refund and went outside. The employee then learned that a male from a neighboring room was upset and said the female grabbed him in the hall way. The employee then told the female that she needed to leave and was not getting a refund and the female became disorderly. The employee stated the male did not want to press any charges.

Officers then spoke with the 48-year-old woman, who stated that she had to drop all her belongings outside of her room because her key did not work and she walked back to the lobby. When she looked down the hallway to check on her stuff, she saw the male standing over and looking at her stuff. She explained that when she went to speak to the male, he walked past her and she put her hand on his arm. The woman was cooperative and packed up her things and left the property.

Officers advised the woman that she was trespassed from the hotel for a year and she will have to call the hotel tomorrow asking for a refund.

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