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During the week of 12/15/24 to 12/21/24, the Hermantown PD had 200 calls.
The following are selected incidents HPD responded to this week.

Suspicious Activity

On December 17th, 2024 around 2030 hours officers were dispatched to a suspicious activity call at Walmart. The caller reported seeing a man in a parked vehicle that was yelling on the phone, and handling a gun.

Officers arrived on scene and located the vehicle unoccupied. Inside the vehicle officers noted a crossbow with a scope near the front seat. The owner of the vehicle was located in the store and advised of the call made to dispatch. The man explained that he had been on a call arguing with someone about a bill, and was looking over his grandfather's crossbow he had with him.

Found Property

On December 17th, 2024 officers received a report of found property at the Lakes 10 Movie Theater. The reporting party said that a staff member had located a loaded firearm magazine in one of the theaters under a seat.

Officers arrived on scene and took custody of the magazine which contained several rounds of ammunition in it.

Criminal Vehicular Operation

On December 19th, 2024 at 1554 hours officers were dispatched to a three-vehicle accident with injuries near the 5400 block of West Arrowhead Road.

Officers arrived on scene to find two of the involved vehicles on the roadside, and a third vehicle in a yard. With investigation and witness statements it was discovered that Vehicle 1 had rear-ended Vehicle 2, before veering into opposing traffic and t-boning Vehicle 3. All three vehicles were rendered inoperable in the incident, and the driver of Vehicle 3 sustained an injury to their head.

Officers approached the driver of vehicle 1 who was alone in the vehicle and staring straight ahead with the airbags deployed. The man stated he was not injured, but appeared to be confused, and was asked to exit the vehicle for evaluation. While speaking with the driver of Vehicle 1, officers observed the man to have red, glossy eyes, slurred speech, and a strong odor of alcohol coming from his person. Officers inquired if the man had anything to drink, and he stated he had not. Upon further questioning the man stated he was on his way home from a work Christmas party where he had been drinking beer.

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Officers then conducted standard field sobriety testing on the man which confirmed further signs of impairment. The man was asked if he would take a Preliminary Breath Test, and he refused to provide a sample.

The 32-year-old man was ultimately arrested and lodged at St. Louis County Jail on charges relating to the incident.

Suspicious Activity

On December 19th officers were dispatched to a check welfare call near the 4800 block of Tamarack Lane. The caller reported hearing a child screaming for help for several minutes. Officers arrived on scene and did not hear any signs of distress. Officers spoke with the owner of the home who stated that their young child had been screaming due to not getting what they wanted.

Trouble Customer

On December 20th 2024 at approximately 1824 hours officers received a report of unruly customers at a business on the 4400 block of Sugar Maple Drive. The reporting party said two customers were yelling at the staff, and upset that their food was taking too long.

Officers arrived and met with the customers who said they were unhappy with their service and wait times. The customers were satisfied after being provided the store managers contact information to file a complaint.

Theft

On December 21st, 2024 officers received a report from a resident in the 5600 block of Hermantown Road. The reporting party stated a package with valuables had been delivered to her address, but was missing when she arrived home soon after.

The woman called back to dispatch a short time later to report that the package had been delivered and was not stolen.

Miscellaneous

This is a reminder that dogs and cats living in Hermantown must be licensed with the Hermantown Police Department, with the option of annual or lifetime licenses. Annual licenses are valid from January 1st to December 31st, and must be renewed yearly unless you have a lifetime license. The current fee is \$15.00 per animal for an annual license or \$50.00 per animal for a lifetime license.

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Please provide proof of rabies vaccination, as it is required at time of licensing. The HPD will issue licenses for no more than three of each kind of pet for the same address unless an Exception License is granted by the City of Hermantown.

