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During the week of 02/02/25 to 02/08/25, the Hermantown PD had 160 calls.
The following are selected incidents HPD responded to this week.

Shoplifting

On February 3rd officers were dispatched to Fleet Farm to a report of two juvenile male shoplifters. Staff observed one of the males concealing a \$399.99 weapon light in his waistband. The male later handed the item to his friend, who transferred the merchandise to the backpack he was wearing. The male was observed concealing additional merchandise items in his jacket pocket.

The two proceeded to the front of the store, and began exiting the store without any attempt to pay for the merchandise. The males were confronted by loss prevention staff, and surrendered the concealed items.

The parents of the juveniles were contacted and informed of the incident. The boys were both cited for theft, and trespassed from Fleet Farm for one year.

Snowmobilers

On February 6th, 2025 patrol officers observed two snowmobilers continuously riding around the park at 4118 Ugstad Road. The officers pulled into the area, and flagged the individuals down. The snowmobilers immediately drove over and took their helmets off to speak to the officers.

The two juveniles were informed that the area was closed to snowmobiling due to potential hazards. The officers explained that since the area is currently under construction, the snow may be hiding structures that could cause injury or damage. The two were very understanding, and agreed to avoid the area.

Suspicious Activity

On February 6th, 2025 around 1429 hours officers were dispatched to Pure Pleasure for a report of a suspicious activity. The caller reported a man in the store was exhibiting strange behavior, and causing them to feel uneasy. The man had been inside the store for nearly two hours at the time of the call.

The reporting party said the man had been continually picking things up and putting them back down, and was kneeling on the ground for long periods of time. At one point the man had made a purchase, but continued to browse the store. The man had exited the store several times to the parking lot, and would return soon after. After requesting to use the restroom, the man was observed peering in connecting rooms.

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When the store associate asked the man if he needed any help, he stated he was looking for a specific item. It was noted that the man had the item in question in his hand for several minutes prior.

The man was advised that his behavior was causing concern, and he left in his vehicle.

Suspicious Activity

On February 8th, 2025 at approximately 1546 hours officers were dispatched to the parking lot of Walmart for suspicious activity. The reporting party had observed a man getting in and out of the vehicle with the dog running around outside of it. The caller was concerned the man may try to abandon the dog, or run it over.

Officers soon arrived on scene and located the man. The vehicle was observed moving forward and reversing, and the dog was running around the tires of the vehicle. As the officers approached, the vehicle stopped moving, and the driver exited. Officers spoke with the man to make sure everything was okay. He said he was letting the dog get some exercise, and could not get it back into the vehicle.

The dog was very friendly, and continued to run around the area playfully. Officers assisted the man with catching the dog and got it into the vehicle. The man was advised to use a leash in the future.

Stalled Vehicle

On February 8th, 2025 at 1645 hours patrol officers observed a stalled vehicle in the 5400 block of Miller Trunk Highway. They came upon two juveniles that were just finishing up a small roadside repair. Squads provided lights for safety until the vehicle was running again.

Sound of Shots

On February 8th, 2025 around 1723 hours dispatch advised of a report of gunshots heard in the 4200 block of Timber Ridge Lane. The caller said it sounded like at least 5-6 gunshots were fired a few minutes ago near their home. It was noted there were no other calls to dispatch about the shots heard.

Officers responded to the area and found no one in the area, and no signs of distress. The reporting party said that after calling they thought maybe it could have been fireworks. There was no further police response necessary.

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