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During the week of 05/04/25 to 05/10/25, the Hermantown PD had 188 calls.
The following are selected incidents HPD responded to this week.

Disturbance

On May 4th, 2025 around 2012 hours officers were made aware of a disturbance occurring in the 4100 block of Ugstad Road. It was reported that three juveniles were banging on an old concession stand building. Officers arrived and located three juvenile males that were out riding in the area on electric scooters. The boys admitted to checking out the bathrooms at the old football field. Officers spoke to the males about their behavior, and discussed potential trespassing consequences for the future. The boys were all polite and cooperative, and left the area on their scooters.

Check Welfare

On May 6th, 2025 at 1411 a restaurant employee called in to dispatch to report a male who had been in the drive-thru that may have been impaired. The male had recently driven away from the scene, and the license plate and driver description were provided.

The vehicle was quickly located nearby and unoccupied in another business's parking lot. Officers waited nearby and contacted the man as he came back out to his vehicle. The driver advised that the drive-thru employee could not hear what he was saying, so he had to repeat himself several times. The man initially denied drinking alcohol or using any drugs.

Officers discussed conducting field sobriety testing to ensure he was safe to drive, and the man was agreeable. When the PBT was taken out for use, the man admitted to having a couple of beers over lunch at a restaurant. The male completed field sobriety testing, and provided a PBT sample of .07.

An inquiry into the man's record showed a revoked driving status. The man was advised he would not be allowed to drive from the location due to his revoked driving status. The male was instructed to keep the vehicle parked, and await his ride.

Sound of Shots

On May 6th, 2025 around 2342 hours officers were dispatched to a report of a single gunshot heard in the 3700 block of Johnson road. The reporting party said they heard a vehicle leaving the address soon after the noise.

Officers arrived in the area of the noise and spoke with two males. The two recalled hearing a firework nearby, but did not understand why someone would have reported a gunshot. They

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further stated they did not fire anything off, and were the only two home. It was noted there were no additional calls regarding the shots heard in the area.

Hit & Run

On May 8th, 2025 around 1318 hours dispatch advised of a hit and run that had occurred in a parking lot off of Lindgren road. Officers learned the suspect vehicle had struck another vehicle after failing to navigate a corner. An individual from the suspect vehicle was observed placing a note saying "sorry" on the other vehicle before leaving the area.

Multiple witnesses to the incident were able to provide the license plate information and description of the suspect vehicle that had fled. Officers contacted the driver of the suspect vehicle, and they mentioned multiple times they were having a bad day, and driving a vehicle much larger than normal. Officers obtained insurance information for the suspect, and provided the information to the other party. Both vehicles sustained light cosmetic damage as a result of the incident.

Shooting

On May 10th, 2025 at 0124 hours officers were made aware of a shooting after the victim drove himself to the emergency room. The male said he was shot by his girlfriend in their shared home. An investigation of the incident began, and statements were taken from all involved parties.

Officers learned that the shooting victim was awoken by his current girlfriend and ex-girlfriend while he was sleeping. The women had come to confronted the man, and an argument ensued. The male stated he was shot in the leg as he was fleeing the residence. The male believed the shooting suspect to be his girlfriend, as she was known to carry a gun.

The female suspect stated that the male had attacked and assaulted both her and the ex-girlfriend, and declined to make any statement about the shooting.

Ultimately the female suspect was lodged at St. Louis County Jail for 2nd degree attempted homicide. After being released from the hospital, the male party was lodged at St. Louis County Jail for two counts of Felony Domestic Assault.

Lost Child

On May 10th, 2025 around 1106 hours officers were alerted to a missing child in the 5700 block of Hermantown Road. The reporting party said his three-year-old son was lost in the woods behind his address, and he could occasionally hear him screaming. As the man was speaking to dispatch to provide further information, he stated he believed he found the child. Dispatch was advised that the child was located safe and unharmed by his father.

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