

# AROUND TOWN



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During the week of 06/01/25 to 06/07/25, the Hermantown PD had 237 calls.  
The following are selected incidents HPD responded to this week.

## Disturbance

On June 1<sup>st</sup>, 2025 around 1737 hours, a disturbance was reported in the 4900 block of Hermantown Road. The reporting party said they had been walking through the cemetery with their young child when they heard and observed a couple engaging in sexual activity.

Officers arrived on scene and located the suspect vehicle with towels covering the windows. The male who was partially unclothed was observed hopping into the rear passenger seat and shutting the vehicles door. After some time, the man emerged fully clothed, and became verbally confrontational with the responding officers. The pair stated they were dating, and came to the cemetery because they didn't have another private location to be together.

The individuals were asked to leave the area, and advised not to return to the area to participate in such activities.

## Traffic Stops

On June 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2025 around 0019 hours, a patrol officer observed a vehicle pass by them with an inoperable license plate light. The officer conducted a traffic stop on the vehicle in the 3700 block of Stebner Road.

The male driver was advised for the reason of the stop, and asked for identification. The driver provided his identification card, and stated he did not have a valid license to drive. A query of the man's driving record showed that he had a suspended driver's license in the state of Minnesota. The driver was issued a citation for driving after suspension.

On June 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2025 at 0026 hours while patrolling westbound Maple Grove Road near Loberg Avenue, an officer observed a vehicle traveling with expired registration. A traffic stop was conducted, and the driver was identified by his out-of-state driver's license.

The driver said he had bought the vehicle the month prior, and had not transferred the title in order to get the new tabs. A query of the driver's license showed it to be suspended, and indicated a change of state to Minnesota.

The driver was cited for driving without a valid driver's license, and advised to transfer the title so that the registration could be renewed.

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## Accident

On June 5<sup>th</sup>, 2025 at approximately 0720 hours, officers were dispatched to a vehicle crash that had occurred at the intersection of highway 194 and Miller Trunk Highway. The reporting party had just witnessed an accident that had occurred between an SUV and a motorcycle, and there were no apparent injuries.

Officers arrived and spoke with the motorcycle driver. The man said he had been stopped at eastbound Highway 194 to enter onto southbound Miller Trunk Highway. The gap between vehicles had become too short, so he continued to wait until it was clear. While waiting for traffic, the vehicle behind him collided into him, causing the motorcycle to fall over. A small amount of blood was observed soaking into the mans pant leg at the knee area.

The driver of the SUV admitted he thought that the motorcycle had proceeded into traffic, and began looking for a gap to enter. He hadn't realized that the motorcycle had stopped, and ran into him.

The driver of the SUV was issued a citation for failing to drive with due care.

## Animal Disturbance

On June 6<sup>th</sup>, 2025 around 0025 hours dispatch advised of an animal complaint on the 5600 block of West Arrowhead Road. The caller said they had a stuck bear cub inside their fenced yard that had been vocalizing for about 30 minutes.

The mother bear was observed on the opposites side of the fence, and appeared to be struggling to get the cub. Officers spoke to the homeowner who mentioned the fence is made of weak mesh, and that the mother bear had been coming in and out of the fence all week. The caller was concerned because the mother bear was not retrieving the cub.

The caller was advised that it would be best to leave the bears alone for the safety of all. The woman agreed, and said that she would be sure to check her yard in the morning prior to letting her dogs outside.

## Check Welfare

On June 7<sup>th</sup>, 2025 at 1700 hours officers were dispatched to a check welfare near the 4700 block of Morris Thomas Road. A concerned passerby observed a male laying on the ground near the bike trail that appeared to be singing to himself.

Officers arrived in the area and located the male asleep atop a rock. There was an empty liquor bottle observed on the ground nearby. Officers spoke to the man who requested a ride to detox. The man was assisted into the squad, and transported to detox without issue.

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