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During the week of 06/29/25 to 07/05/25, the Hermantown PD had 152 calls.  
The following are selected incidents HPD responded to this week.

## Disturbance

On July 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2025 at 1851 hours, officers were dispatched to a disturbance call at the Econo Lodge. The caller was reporting two dogs that had been left unattended in a room. The dogs were said to have been barking continuously for hours, causing several people to complain and end their reservations early.

Officers arrived and could immediately hear the barking on the opposite end of the hallway. There were several attempts made to contact the individual who had reserved the room. Officers were ultimately able to contact the individual's mother, who said the woman would be coming to get the dogs. Officers stood by for 45 minutes waiting for the individual to return, while guests continued to approach them stating their frustration with the noise.

The woman was contacted again, and said she would be just a few more minutes. Soon after, a male arrived and attempted unsuccessfully to use a keycard on the door. The man said he had just run into the woman who had asked him to come get the dogs. The male was found to have three warrants, and was placed under arrest. Upon search incident to arrest, a knife, hypodermic needles, and drug paraphernalia were found on his person.

A second male soon arrived to the hotel room and entered. The man said he was coming to get his things, and the woman would be coming for the dogs. It was soon discovered the man had latched the safety bar on the inside of the door and jumped out of the second-floor window, fearing he had warrants. The man was advised that he did not have warrants, and was sent on his way.

Officers contacted the fire department who responded with a ladder to open the hotel room door. The woman was contacted again, and said she was outside, but didn't want to come in because she feared she had warrants. She was advised she did not have warrants, and needed to come in to get her dogs. The woman eventually entered to remove her property and the dogs. The woman was trespassed from the Econo Lodge at their request.

## Check Welfare

On June 4th, 2025 around 0536 hours, officers received a call regarding a lone male walking on the shoulder of the road near the 5100 block of Miller Trunk Highway. The caller said the man appeared to be limping, and thought he should be checked on. Dispatch advised there was a similar call around 0438 hours regarding a potentially intoxicated man walking too closely to the roadway. At that time the responding officer located the male walking near the fog line of the

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road, and wearing just one sandal. The man said he walking home, and declined need for assistance. He was advised to stay clear of the roadway to avoid further calls.

Officers located the man a second time, and he mentioned he got separated from his friends, and was headed home. The male said he had attended a concert in Duluth, and walking home to save money. The officer provided the man a courtesy ride home the remaining distance.

## Domestic Disturbance

On July 4<sup>th</sup>, 2025 at 1740 hours, officers were dispatched to the 4800 block of Miller Trunk Highway for a domestic disturbance. The caller said an unknown female had been banging on a neighbor's door saying her boyfriend was chasing her with a gun and threatening to kill her.

Officers soon arrived and initiated a high risk stop in a nearby parking lot. The male refused to exit the vehicle for approximately twenty minutes before ultimately complying and being taken into custody.

While speaking with the female party, they learned the two had met up to talk before an argument ensued. The male party was said to have entered her vehicle, causing significant damage to it. The male then began chasing the woman with his vehicle across the median of the highway and through the ditch as she fled on foot. The woman stated she feared for her life, and believed he was attempting to kill her. When the woman was advised that the male was taken into custody, she became upset, and asked to "take all the charges".

The gun located in the man's vehicle was found to be a small plastic water gun. The man was transported to St. Louis county jail and held on charges relating to the incident.

## Assault

On July 5<sup>th</sup>, 2025 around 0031 hours, officers were dispatched to Walmart for an assault. Dispatch advised an irate female had attempted to choke a staff member.

Officers arrived on scene, and located the female yelling at the staff member outside of the store. The staff member advised that the woman had entered the store after closing, and began grabbing items. The woman became very agitated when she was told the store was closed. The woman attempted to choke and bite the man, but was not successful. The woman then struck the man in the chest, leaving a large wet mark on their shirt from her wet clothing.

While attempting to speak to the woman, she advanced toward the officer multiple times, refusing to comply with commands to step back. The officer extended their arm to create distance, and the woman grabbed their arm and struck them in the neck. The woman then held onto the officer's vest, and continued to ignore commands to get on the ground.

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Officer's soon gained control of the woman, and placed her into handcuffs at 0043 hours. The 31-year-old woman was transported to St. Louis County jail and held for charges of assault and assault of a peace officer.

