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During the week of 10/05/25 to 10/11/25, the Hermantown PD had 200 calls.  
The following are selected incidents HPD responded to this week.

## Traffic Stop

On October 6<sup>th</sup> around 2319 hours, patrol officers conducted a traffic stop along northbound Loberg avenue after observing a vehicle displaying expired registration. The vehicle was also found to be registered to an owner with a revoked driving status. Officers made contact with the driver, confirming it was the registered owner. The woman identified herself with a photo ID, stating she did not have a valid driver's license. She was also unable to provide proof of insurance for the vehicle.

The woman was issued a citation for driving without a driver's license, and no proof of automobile insurance. The driver was given a warning for the expired registration.

## Traffic Stop

On October 7<sup>th</sup> at 0142 hours, patrol officers observed a vehicle traveling at a high rate of speed along southbound Stebner Road. With use of a radar device, the vehicle was confirmed to be driving 51 mph in a marked 40mph zone. A traffic stop was initiated as the vehicle approached the intersection of Getchell Road and St. Louis River Road. Officers approached the vehicle, and advised the male driver the reason they were stopping him. The man said he did not have an ID with him, and identified himself verbally. The male was hesitant when giving his birth year, but eventually provided one. When asked where he was coming from, he replied "Hermantown", then mentioned he was "at a buddy's house, buying paint". When they asked the man how old he was, he provided an age three years younger than the age he would have been with the birthdate he gave. Upon query of the information provided, they were able to find an individual as a close match, but the day of birth was a few days different. Additionally, a booking photo for that individual did not match with the driver of the vehicle.

The officers reproached the vehicle, and confronted the man regarding the false information provided. He admitted to providing a false name, and said he did so due to a warrant. With the correct information, officers were able to confirm his active warrant for domestic assault. They also observed the male to have a revoked driving status in the state of Minnesota. The 41-year-old man was taken into custody and transported to St. Louis County Jail for his warrant. He was issued a citation for driving after suspension, and providing a false name to a police officer.

## Theft

On October 8<sup>th</sup> officers responded to a theft report at a convenience store in the 4700 block of Miller Trunk Highway. The caller reported they had a juvenile male had stolen 3 packs of cigarettes, and there was clear video footage of the suspect and their vehicle. Officers arrived

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and reviewed the video footage which shows a young male taking the cigarettes and placing them into his shirt pocket before exiting the store. The male then entered into a vehicle, and drove away from the parking lot. Officers contacted the registered owner of the vehicle, and learned that the man's son was the primary driver of the vehicle. The man was shown a photo of the suspect, and confirmed it was his son that had stolen the cigarettes.

The manager of the store elected not to pursue theft charges if the items were paid for, but did request the juvenile be trespassed. Later that day the man and his son returned to the store to pay for the stolen items, and the trespass notice was acknowledged by the juvenile.

## Hit & Run

On October 10<sup>th</sup> around 0948 hours, officers were dispatched to a hit & run that had just occurred on Miller Trunk Highway near Arrowhead Road. Officers arrived on scene and spoke to driver one, who said she was southbound on Miller Trunk highway when another vehicle merged into her lane. The vehicle bumped into hers, nearly causing her to go into the ditch. The other vehicle then continued southbound without stopping, as driver one pulled to the shoulder.

Shortly after concluding the interview with driver one, dispatch advised that a juvenile called in to 911 to say they were the other involved party to the incident. They said they had pulled over in the mall parking lot, and would wait for officers with their parent. Officers arrived and spoke to driver two who said she had not seen the other vehicle when she was merging, and accidentally hit them. She said she did not see the other driver pull over to the shoulder. She explained that she panicked and kept driving before eventually pulling into the mall parking lot to call 911.

There was minimal damage to both vehicles, and no injuries reported. The young driver was educated on the importance of stopping when accidents occur to check for injuries and exchange insurance information. The teen stated understanding, and appeared to be remorseful for the incident.

## Suspicious Activity

On October 11<sup>th</sup> at 0611 hours, officers were dispatched to a suspicious activity call in the 4800 block of west arrowhead road. The reporting party oversaw two individuals with flashlights walking around a construction zone. Officers arrived in the area and met with the two individuals. They were found to be construction workers that were just getting an early start to their day.

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