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AROUND TOWN

During the week of 04/05/25 to 04/11/25, the Hermantown PD had 193 calls.
The following are selected incidents HPD responded to this week.

Chief
Jim Crace

Deputy Chiefs
Mark Gunderson
Jon Esterbrooks

Sergeants
Griffin Pfeiffer
Jon Pernu

Detective
Jake Williams
Jeff Dwyer

Officers
Jason Salo, SRO
Jon Enright
Erika Johnson
Olivia Gottschald, K9
Andrew Leibel
Alex Prouse
Rebecca Towner
Lucas Hedin, K9
Devin Kleive
Colin Kostiuik
Kane Kostiuik

K-9 Officers
Bruno
Kylo

Records
Samantha Knapp
Ashley Johnson
Anna Johnson

Damage to Property

On April 7th at 2020 hours, officers were dispatched to a report of vehicle damage at Walmart. The reporting party said that their tire had been vandalized in the parking lot. Officers located the suspect vehicle nearby, and conducted a traffic stop. The vehicle was found to be occupied by three individuals who all denied knowledge of the incident. The male driver eventually admitted to puncturing the tire because he did not get along with the victim.

During the investigation, K9 Bruno was deployed to search for narcotics, and indicated a positive alert. A subsequent search of the vehicle yielded several items of suspected narcotics, and drug paraphernalia.

Traffic Stop

On April 7th patrol officers conducted a traffic stop on a vehicle after observing a brake light out. The driver stated she was unaware that the light was out, and mentioned that she had recently purchased the vehicle. It was discovered that the driver had a revoked driving status, and was not able to provide proof of insurance.

The woman was ultimately issued a citation for no proof of insurance, and instructed to park the vehicle until her license was reinstated.

Warrant Arrest

On April 8th a patrol officer observed two males panhandling near a business in the 4700 block of Maple Grove Road. The officer stopped to speak to the men, as they were in violation of a City Ordinance. It was discovered that one of the individuals had an active warrant for his arrest. The male was placed into custody without incident, and transported to St. Louis County Jail to be held for the warrants.

Attempt to Locate

On April 9th around 1648 hours officers were dispatched to an attempt to locate a bus after a teen was not dropped off at home after school. The caller informed officers they were following



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their child's location, and the bus was not on its expected route. Squads soon located the bus, and conducted a traffic stop.

The bus driver admitted that they had taken a wrong turn, and were told the bus was difficult to turn around. It was discovered that the bus had made several errant turns, causing it to deviate far from its regular route. The driver was given directions to get back on their route, and squads followed the bus to the original caller's address.

Parking Problem

On April 10th around 1342 hours, officers were dispatched to a parking issue in the Walmart parking lot. The caller said that her vehicle was blocked in at a handicapped parking space, and she was unable to enter her vehicle. Squads arrived and observed the woman had been blocked in due to how she initially had parked. The second vehicle was found to be appropriately parked, and attempts to contact the phone number associated with the vehicle were unsuccessful.

The woman was informed she would have to wait for the van owner to return, as they would not tow the appropriately parked vehicle.

Traffic Stop

On April 11th just prior to 2210 hours, officers conducted a traffic stop on a vehicle traveling along Maple Grove Road with no tail light or brake lights present. Upon further inspection, the vehicle was confirmed to have no tail light assemblies at all, with only wires hanging. The driver told the officer that the taillights had been stolen. The 16-year-old male was instructed to park the vehicle, and call for a ride. The driver was understanding and cooperative of the request.