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During the week of 05/31/26 to 06/06/26, the Hermantown PD had 250 calls.
The following are selected incidents HPD responded to this week.

Check Welfare

On May 31st at 1412 hours officers were dispatched to the Walmart parking lot for a check welfare request. The caller reported that a woman in a parked vehicle appeared to be unconscious, and holding a very young child in her arms. Upon arrival, officers learned the woman had just been napping during some downtime.

Check Welfare

On June 1st at 1915 hours, patrol officers were flagged down by an individual requesting a check welfare. The concerned citizen had observed a juvenile female walking alone along Hermantown Road, and thought they should be checked on. Officers located the female walking on Hermantown Road, just east of the Lavaque intersection. The female identified herself, and told the officer her parent knew she was out for a walk. Officers contacted the parents and advised them of the call. The parents confirmed they were aware the child was out for a walk. The female was given a courtesy ride back to her home.

Suspicious Activity

On June 3rd at 2229 hours officers were dispatched to a report of suspicious activity in the 5500 block of Saint Louis River Road. The caller reported hearing an individual screaming for help, and was concerned someone may be in water nearby. A second call soon came in, reporting the same. As officers were responding to the area, a third call came into dispatch regarding a male in the same area that was seen riding a bicycle down the road while screaming help. Upon arrival to the call location, officers observed a male on a bicycle with no taillight traveling northbound on Midway Road. The male told officers he had been yelling because he was upset with people attempting to help him as he biked in the roadway. The man was ultimately warned for not having lights on his bicycle, and provided directions toward his destination.

Traffic Stop

On June 4th patrol officers conducted a traffic enforcement stop on a vehicle traveling 48mph in a 30mph zone of Ugstad Road. The driver identified himself, and was not able to provide insurance. The vehicles registration was also found to be expired. The driver was given a warning for his speed, and issued a citation for no proof of insurance, and expired registration.



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Driving Under the Influence

On June 5th at approximately 1746 hours, officers were dispatched to the 4900 block of Morris Thomas Road for report of an intoxicated individual parked in a driveway. Officers arrived on scene and located a male in the driver's seat of the running vehicle. It was noted that an open beer can in the driver's cupholder, and a strong odor of alcohol coming from his person. While speaking to the man they asked if he had any alcohol to drink that day, and he responded by saying "a lot". The man was arrested for suspicion of DWI, and declined to submit a breath test. The 35-year-old male was lodged at St. Louis County Jail on DWI charges.

Animal Disturbance

On June 6th at approximately 0919 hours, patrol officers observed two loose dogs running in traffic in the 5000 block of Maple Grove Road. Officers escorted the dogs out of the roadway, and followed as they ran back into a fenced yard. At that time, responding officers were unable to make contact with the homeowner. A short time later, officers returned to the area and found the dogs were loose again. The dogs were returned to the fenced area, and were observed entering the home through a newly open door. Officers observed a small opening in the fence, which appeared to be where the dogs were escaping from. Officers were able to speak to the owner of the dogs to advise they been running at large.

Unwanted Person

On June 6th at 1309 hours, officers were dispatched to the Econo Lodge for report of unwanted individuals. The reporting party said the group had been removed from the hotel, but were refusing to leave the property. Officers identified the individuals, and learned one of the males had a felony arrest warrant. The male was placed under arrest, and transported to St. Louis County jail to be held on the warrants. The other individuals were sent on their way.