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AROUND TOWN

During the week of 06/07/26 to 06/13/26, the Hermantown PD had 186 calls.
The following are selected incidents HPD responded to this week.

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Jim Crace

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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
Kyro

Records
Samantha Knapp
Ashley Johnson
Anna Johnson

Suspicious Activity

On June 8th around 0311 hours officers were flagged down regarding a suspicious vehicle parked in the 4100 block of Haines Road. The reporting party said the occupied vehicle had been in the parking lot for an extended period of time, and thought the driver may need to be checked on. Officers spoke to the individual in the vehicle who mentioned they were doing DoorDash deliveries, and waiting for the next order to come through.

Traffic Stop

On June 9th at approximately 0714 hours, officers were dispatched to a suspicious activity call in the 5100 block of Miller Trunk Highway. The caller reported a vehicle had been parked and running behind a building for some time. On scene officers located the vehicle occupied by a single male. The man appeared to be sleeping, and a marijuana pipe was in plain view on his lap. Officers awoke the man, and asked him to exit the vehicle. The man explained that he was running early to his destination, and decided to take a nap. Officers did not detect any odor of marijuana coming from his person, or the vehicle, and no signs of intoxication. The man did admit to having marijuana in the vehicle, which was found to not be in a factory-sealed container. A query of the man's record showed a cancelled driving status in the state of Minnesota.

Traffic Stop

On June 9th a patrol officer was traveling along southbound Miller Trunk Highway when an individual in a nearby passenger car caught their attention. The male driver was observed to be wearing headphones that were completely covering his ears. It was also noted that there was a large crack in the windshield on the driver's side. A routine query of the individual's license plate showed that the registered owner had a revoked driver's license. A traffic stop was conducted, and the male was advised as to the reason for the stop. The driver was issued a citation for driving after revocation, and given a warning for a cracked windshield, and wearing headphones while driving.

Damage to Property

On June 10th officers responded to a report of a possible gunshot at a vehicle's windshield. The reporting party said they had been traveling westbound on Arrowhead Road with one car in front of them. Suddenly, their windshield was struck by something that did not appear to be a



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rock. Officers noted the windshield had two chips grouped together near the driver's side. The chips appeared to be from rocks, and there were no additional calls with similar complaints.

Shoplifting

On June 10th, just prior to 1500 hours, officers were dispatched to a report of a shoplifter at Fleet Farm. The reporting party said the man was found to be wearing a black sweatshirt that was "filled with merchandise". Officers met with the man who was found to have taken numerous packs of trading cards, toys, clothing, and other miscellaneous merchandise totaling \$575.31. The 48-year-old man was ultimately arrested and lodged at St. Louis County Jail for gross misdemeanor shoplifting charges.

Domestic

On June 11th shortly after 2010 hours, officers were dispatched to a verbal domestic between a mother and her adult child. The mother said the two had been drinking beer together, and began arguing. During the argument, her son had threatened to put her "in a home. The mother was upset by this, and wanted the son to move out.

Suspicious Activity

On June 12th just after 1800 hours, officers were dispatched to a report of suspicious activity near Berkeley Road. The caller said a male had parked his vehicle and was walking on foot up and down the road with a notepad. Officers located the individual who advised he was completing estimates for work in the area.