



Hermantown Police Department  
5111 Maple Grove Road, Hermantown, MN 55811  
218.729.1200 // [cops@hermantownmn.com](mailto:cops@hermantownmn.com)

# AROUND TOWN

## 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

During the week of 06/14/26 to 06/20/26, the Hermantown PD had 190 calls.  
The following are selected incidents HPD responded to this week.

### Driving While Intoxicated

On June 14<sup>th</sup> at 0824 hours patrol officers observed a vehicle traveling 15 miles per hour over the posted speed limit along Lavaque Road. A traffic stop was initiated, and the vehicle was found to be occupied by a female driver, and a male passenger.

The female informed officers she did not have a drivers' licenses, and was the designated driver for her male passenger. The officer noted a strong odor of alcohol coming from the passenger compartment of the vehicle. The driver admitted to having drinks earlier in the night, but said the odor was likely due to spilled drink from another individual that had already been dropped off.

Officers conducted field sobriety testing, and the 24-year-old female was subsequently arrested for suspicion of driving while intoxicated.

### Disturbance

On June 16<sup>th</sup> at 2222 hours, officers were dispatched to a "loud party". The caller said a large group of individuals were playing loud music and possibly breaking glass in the 5100 block of Miller Trunk Highway.

Officers located the group, and advised of the call. The individuals were understanding of the complaint, and agreed to turn the music down to a reasonable level.

### Suspicious Activity

On June 16 at 2356 hours, patrol officers observed a vehicle parked at Keene Creek Park after hours. Officers located a male with the vehicle who said that he had been fishing nearby. The male was advised of regular park hours, and sent on his way.

### Driving While Intoxicated

Just prior to 2200 hours on June 17<sup>th</sup>, officers responded to report of a vehicle that had gone off the roadway in the 3800 block of Lavaque Road. A witness to the incident said the vehicle had been driving erratically at high speeds before entering the ditch.

Another witness mentioned going to check on the lone female driver to see if she was okay. The female reportedly did not respond to the question, but instead began singing to a song playing on the radio.



Hermantown Police Department  
5111 Maple Grove Road, Hermantown, MN 55811  
218.729.1200 // [cops@hermantownmn.com](mailto:cops@hermantownmn.com)

# AROUND TOWN

## 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

The female driver then exited the vehicle, and began stumbling as she walked.

First responders noted that an odor of alcohol was emitting from her person that could be smelled from several feet away. As officers arrived the female was located kneeling in the mud near her vehicle. She was having a difficult time explain where she was coming from, or where she was going to. The female told officers she had “too much” to drink that night. When officers asked if they could do some testing to ensure she was okay to be driving, she responded by saying “I’m not”.

The 21-year-old female was arrested for suspicion of driving under the influence. A subsequent breath test showed provided a result of .240 BAC. The female was lodged at St. Louis County Jail on DWI charges.

### Disturbance

On June 19<sup>th</sup> around 0940 hours, officers were advised of a disturbance near Cherrywood Lane. The reporting party said there were loud, unknown noises occurring outside that sounded like a waterfall. Officers discovered that a nearby facility was using equipment, and it was the source of the noise. The reporting party was advised of their findings.