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AROUND TOWN

During the week of 07/05/26 to 07/11/26, the Hermantown PD had 243 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

Shoplifting

On July 7th at approximately 1735 hours officers were dispatched to report of a shoplifter at Fleet Farm. The reporting party said the female suspect was last seen running toward a bus stop on Loberg Avenue. Officers were able to locate the suspect aboard a city bus. The female attempted to flee from officers on foot, but was quickly detained.

The female was arrested for theft by shoplifting, obstructing the legal process, and fleeing a peace officer. The woman appeared to be under the influence of a controlled substance, and eventually admitted to fentanyl use. While searching her person incident to arrest, officers located multiple hypodermic needles, and burnt tin foil.

Check Hazard

On July 8th dispatch advised of a call regarding traffic lights working improperly at the intersection of Loberg Avenue and Market Street. Officers spoke to the reporting party who said that the traffic light was displaying a flashing yellow turn arrow while the main light was still red.

The caller appeared to be describing the cautionary left turn arrow. The man was advised as to what the flashing arrow indicates, and how they are utilized.

Check Welfare

On July 8th patrol officers observed an individual in dark clothing crossing the 4900 block of Miller Trunk Highway through the median. Officers stopped to check on the male who advised he was "drunk", and walking to a nearby gas station for more beer.

The officer offered a courtesy ride to eliminate the possibility of being struck while on foot. The man declined the offer, and was advised to find a safe route back to his location via the intersection.

Suspicious Activity

On July 8th at 2341 hours, patrol officers observed two unauthorized vehicles parked along Village Drive in a no trespassing zone. The officer made contact with three juvenile males that said they had heard about an abandoned trailer park, and wanted to check it out. One of the three admitted to entering a trailer, while the other two denied any entry to the unoccupied trailers.



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The three juveniles were advised they were all trespassing. The males were sent on their way after being given a warning for trespassing, curfew, and provisional license violations.

Animal Disturbance

On July 10th around 2112 hours officers were advised of an animal disturbance call near the 3500 block of Haines Road. The reporting party said a mountain lion was in their yard, and headed toward a nearby hiking trail. They reported that nobody had come in contact with the animal, but they had concern for people using the hiking trail.

Officers stopped and spoke to some individuals in the parking lot to advise them of wild animal potential in the area.

Animal Disturbance

On July 11th at 1320 hours, officers were dispatched to report of a dog left in a hot car in the Walmart parking lot. On scene, officers located the vehicle with four windows rolled down approximately 1-2 inches. The dog inside was panting, and had defecated on the front passenger seat.

Attempts to contact the registered owner of the vehicle were unsuccessful. Officers noted the temperature outside that day was 91 degrees. A small fan was plugged into a battery pack inside the car, but was not adequately moving air. Officers made the decision to use an unlock tool to open the vehicles door and remove the dog.

The owner of the dog returned after about 15 minutes after officers arrived on scene. The woman was issued a citation for leaving the dog unattended in a vehicle in a manner that endangers their health or safety.