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During the week of 07/19/26 to 07/25/26, the Hermantown PD had 188 calls.
The following are selected incidents HPD responded to this week.

Unwanted Individuals

On July 20th at 0834 hours officers were advised of unwanted individuals loitering outside a business along Market Street. The caller reported that while the business was closed, there were staff on site that were being harassed. The caller said the two unknown males had been banging on the windows, pointing “finger guns”, and “throwing gang signs” toward the staff.

Officers arrived on scene and met with two males matching the description given. The males denied causing a scene, and said they had just been walking by. The two were ultimately advised to move along, and to not cause any more issues.

Suspicious Activity

On July 21st around 0916 hours officers were dispatched to a suspicious activity call for a vehicle parked near Five Corners Road and Maple Grove Road. The caller reported a male was outside of his vehicle walking around. The caller had stopped to talk to the man and was told he was picking agates, but they thought this was strange. The caller thought the man should be checked on.

Officers located the man and stopped to speak with him. The man advised that he had dropped his child off at camp nearby, and was passing time picking agates on dirt roads. The man had several rocks in his pocket, and did appear to be searching for agates. The man was advised as to the reason for the interaction.

Traffic Accident

On July 23rd at 1440 hours officers were dispatched to a two-vehicle accident near the intersection of West Arrowhead Road and Stebner Road. The driver of vehicle one admitted to not noticing the stop sign, causing the T-bone collision. The vehicles involved in the collision were both towed from the scene, and the driver of vehicle one was issued a citation for failure to stop at a stop sign.

Suspicious Activity

On July 24th at 0423 hours, officers were dispatched to an unoccupied vehicle with an open door parked along Timber Ridge Lane. Officers arrived on scene and located the driver of the vehicle nearby in a dumpster. The female had been “dumpster diving”, and was advised she needed to move along.



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Check Welfare

On July 24th at 0611 hours, officers were advised of a check welfare request for a male walking shoeless down Hermantown Road. Officers located the male who was found with no shoes, and one sock on.

The man told officers he had a “wild night”, and was just walking home from a friend’s house. The man did not require any assistance, and was sent on his way.

Disturbance

On July 24th around 1239 hours dispatch advised of a possible physical domestic occurring in the 4000 block of Haines Road. The caller reported hearing a lot of loud banging noises, and a female voice saying “don’t hit me”.

Officers arrived on scene and located juveniles playing nearby. The kids said they had been outside playing loudly and yelling. Officers spoke with adults nearby who also had heard the juveniles playing, and no sounds of distress. There were no additional calls regarding a domestic incident. It was also noted that there were construction workers present next door to the call address.

Property Lost and Found

On July 24th officers were dispatched to the 4700 block of Arrowhead Road for found property. The caller said a customer had left a wallet at their produce stand, and they requested an officer to pick it up.

Officers collected the wallet to return it to its owner. Attempts were made to return the wallet to the address listed on the ID, but there was nobody home at the time. While driving back to the police station, the officer was flagged down by a man at a stoplight. The man was confirmed to be the owner of the wallet, and it was returned to him.