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UFO sightings made near Elbe, Ashford area

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Several persons in the Elbe and North Lewis County area have said that they have seen Unidentified Flying Objects (UFO's) during the past six weeks. Describing the UFO's as bright, multi-colored lights which can move at rapid speeds, the persons involved have made public the accounts of what they saw.

The separate incidents seem to be tied in to half a dozen sightings of UFO's recently made near

Mrs. Mel Ceccanti. Carney told *The Dispatch* that she saw the UFO while driving home from Eatonville one night last December.

At about 9:35 p.m., she had just crossed over the railroad tracks right by the Ceccanti residence when she noticed a strange light.

"My rearview mirror lit up like the furnace at Moore Family's glass blowing," she said, "The light stayed

car. The light was at least 18 inches tall because it was as high as the back window.

Cindy, who drives a Volkswagen stationwagon, said that when she realized the lights were not attached to any vehicle, she pulled back onto the road and the lights continued following her.

It was not until another car came into view that the lights suddenly disappeared.

"All three lights disappeared at the same time," she continued. "The lights were not projecting like headlights and the blue light seemed to be independent of the yellow and the red light."

"All the time I was trying to figure it out. I thought it was someone playing a trick on me."

Carney said that if it were a car or motorcycle that there were no side roads for it to turn down.

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Centralia and Chehalis. A man, and three other adults who live in Lewis County, said that they saw the UFO's last Monday, January 28. *The Dispatch* also learned that two South Pierce County women had seen similar lights, on different nights, six weeks earlier.

right behind me and I could only see it in the left rearview mirror. It followed me for 10 to 15 seconds when a red light came on. The red light was steady, not bright like the yellow light."

"I would estimate that the lights were four to five feet behind me and between 12 and 18 inches tall, because they were as high as the drivers side window."

Carney reported that the red light had flashed a couple of times and quit, when a third light came on.

"Then in the center back window," she continued, "a blue light came on like a police light. The blue light started flashing like a police car light."

"Thinking it was a police car, I started to pull over when the blue light zoomed right up on my

'My rearview mirror lit up like a furnace.'

After arriving at their home in Ashford, some 15 miles away, Carney said that she was pretty upset by the whole incident. Her husband, who went out to check the car the night of the incident noticed there was a strange smell on the back of the car. An odor which he could not describe. The odor

had disappeared by the next morning.

"A UFO is the only explanation I can come up with except for maybe someone horsing around with motorcycles, but there were no headlights."

Carney said that she never was for or against believing in UFO's but that she "can't find any other explanation."

Two nights before Carney's experience, Mrs. Ceccanti had also seen a strange light near her home. She described the light as being stationary and bright orange in color.

"It was like a star, but too large for a star, it was different," she said.

The light which Ceccanti saw was bright enough to give a good outline of the Mountains directly to the east of her house.

While both of these incidents

tell about the the experience.

On his way home that evening he said that he saw a bright light like a vapor light. Noticed that it was moving so he stopped his car to look at it.

The light, which also stopped,

He described the second light as being red with three white lights below it. "It looked like a side view of a jellyfish," he commented.

"It moved about 30 degrees to the west of the first light then stopped. Then it moved directly

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was just above the trees. He could not estimate an exact size since the light seemed to be quite a distance from the car.

He noted that there was no noise and the light was larger than a planet or a star.

"I got back in my car and kept going," he said, "it was moving with me on the left hand side of the car. Even when I turned right it kept with me on the left."

"It was definitely aware of me, and I started freaking out. Whenever I stopped, it stopped."

When he arrived home he quickly called his family out side. They all came out and could see the light sitting off in the distance in the southern sky. The light was just above eye level on the horizon.

"Then it moved quickly and directly without noise into the western sky," he said.

The first, bright white light, was then joined by another light.

under the first light, and finally took off to the north."

Then, he continued, a third light appeared. It also stopped under the first light and took off.

While the first light was a "white brilliant light," the second two lights were more defined. The second and third lights both had a single light on top with three white lights on the bottom.

These lights were seen by four adults. He also said that he had never met Carney or heard about her story until after his experience.

The UFO Center in Seattle said that they had received a half a dozen reports of UFO's in the Centralia and Chehalis area recently.

Persons have reported the sightings of red, white, green and blue lights in triangular shapings. The spokesman said that it is definitely not conventional aircraft that they are seeing.

The low flying objects are unexplainable at this time he said.

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