

Officers report UFO sighting

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GLADSTONE, Mich. — (UPI) — Officers from three Upper Peninsula police agencies said yesterday they saw what appeared to be an unidentified flying object (UFO) before dawn north of Gladstone.

Officers responding to four calls from citizens reporting UFO sightings said they observed for more than a half-hour an object described as having flashing red, green and blue lights and an extremely bright white light.

The Gladstone Public Safety Department said it received the first report at 12:55 a.m. Officers David Mariin and Mark Hager were sent to the scene on M-35 north of the city.

Two deputies from the Delta County sheriff's department, David Huckstep and Mack Strickert, joined them minutes later. In the meantime, three more citizen reports were called in to area police.

The four officers said the mysterious object appeared to be moving at an extremely high speed, making sharp turns and abrupt ascending and descending maneuvers.

They said they observed the object for more than a half-hour.

Two officers from the Escanaba police department also reported seeing the object. One said he thought it was a UFO, the other said he thought it was a Department of Natural Resources (DNR) helicopter.

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When it rains it pours.

Close on the heels of last week's high flying UFO has come an even closer reported encounter of a similar kind.

Joseph and Laurie White were returning from Howell Monday night to their Fowlerville apartment when they noticed a bright white light following them eastward.

According to Mrs. White, a plane was going up from the Livingston County Airport at the same time. There was no doubt in her mind that the white aerial object was something altogether different.

But no casual loiterer this. According to the Whites, the object did not simply float in the sky but followed them toward Fowlerville. It stopped when they stopped. It changed direction when they changed direction.

By now thoroughly alarmed, the Whites returned home and called relatives.

Mrs. White's brother and his girl friend, her father—a pilot in his own right—and her mother, her boss in the Bell Oak area and a co-worker at Mr. White's company, reported seeing the UFO.

And here's where the story really begins.

The object disappeared when the Whites went up to their third-floor apartment. Mrs. White started to call law enforcement agencies to see if they had heard of the sighting, when suddenly her husband let out a shout.

"He's not very excitable," Mrs. White said. "I was scared. I knocked a chair over."

From a field across I-96, the object was drifting directly toward the apartment.

"It was so huge I couldn't understand how it could stay in the air," Mrs. White said. "It had banks of red and green lights. It glided over us without a noise."

Mrs. White says she ran downstairs to go outside. Just as she was passing a chandelier in the apartment hall, the fixture shattered on its mounting.

"It didn't fall. It just shattered," Mrs. White said.

She and her husband stayed up all night after that, watching the sky. In the morning the chandelier was still broken in the hall.

"We didn't believe in UFOs at all, not before this," Mrs. White said.