

She stopped in the street across from the Long Beach Grange Hall and the object "caught up" to her and again hovered in front of her at treetop level. At that time she thought the object was attracted to her headlights.

As she approached the Highway 101-Sandridge intersection, the object seemed to travel higher and farther to the east, but kept even with her vehicle. At times she saw the object on her left as she traveled down Sandridge and it appeared to be oval through the clearings between trees.

She reached the intersection near the Brateng bogs and the object was still extremely bright, but now seemed to head around the east side of Black Lake. As the woman drove down 101 into Ilwaco, she looked for the object, but could not see it because of the buildings.

When she came to the stop light intersection in downtown Ilwaco, she looked up and the object was now above the buildings. She turned left down Spruce Street and the object again followed her vehicle in front of it at a height of just above the buildings.

As she turned right down Elizabeth Street, the object appeared to climb higher and go up to the top of the hill and Ilwaco and hover there.

"It wasn't an airplane, a helicopter or something," said the woman. "It wasn't anything I've seen before. There was no sound. It wasn't any meteorite either. And it wasn't the reflection of the moon, I checked that out. It wasn't like anything I've seen before. It stopped when I stopped and traveled with me when I traveled. It was scary."

She came to her place of work at the port and the object was higher up and appeared to be going over Baker Bay. Those working

UFO follows young Long Beach woman to Ilwaco

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A young woman from Long Beach reported on Monday that an Unidentified Flying Object apparently followed her vehicle to Ilwaco during the early morning hours before sunrise.

The woman, who asked to be unidentified, said she was traveling down Washington Street South in Long Beach at 3:45 a.m. to reach her place of work at the Ilwaco port. She said she noticed some kind of bright light coming from above her, but could not see the exact source.

She turned left (east) on to 10th Street South and she suddenly saw a bright, round source of white light directly in front of her vehicle, following her at a height just above the tree tops along 10th Street South.

The woman said she stopped at the intersection of 10th Street South and Sandridge Road (Peninsula Road) and the object was also stopped in front of her above the intersection at treetop level. She said it appeared to be round, but the light was so bright it appeared to be of an intensity that one shouldn't gaze at. It also had a tint of blue in the light.

She said she could hear no sound at the intersection, but thought she heard a very low humming sound. The woman was not sure if the humming came from the light source.

An interesting feature to the light source, which she estimated to be 15 to 20 feet in diameter, was that beyond its bright light edge, there seemed to be an oval ring of blackness.

She could see the full moon of the west, in the opposite direction, and concluded the bright light was not a reflection of it. The sky was clear and she could see stars.

The woman turned right (south) on Sandridge towards Ilwaco and said she was starting to get scared as she could tell the object was now following her just above her vehicle

with her saw the object along with customers at the business. The object was much higher in the sky and seemed to hover and dance while staying in one general area.

It became a bright pinpoint of light, but every 15 minutes or so a red light would be seen on it and it would travel off to the left. It was observed by her and others at the business from about 4 to 6 a.m.

The woman called Ilwaco police and gave a statement about what had happened. Coast Guard officials were notified and they reported, at first, that they saw nothing over Baker Bay. Later, they indicated they did see a bright light hovering.

She said it was her understanding that Long Beach Police Department had also received a report of a bright light over the town that morning. "Some said it was a comet, but I listened all day to the news and there was nothing about a comet," the woman said. "And it wasn't any satellite. They don't come down and hover over you."

Long Beach Police reported seeing lights in the sky about the same time as the woman's experiences, but police attributed the "UFO" to be signal flares used by National Guardsmen in training at Fort Rilea near Astoria, Ore.

In the past months, several other Long Beach Peninsula residents have indicated they have seen things in the sky or over the ocean they could not explain.

A Klipsan Beach resident said she watched a round, glowing ball of light hover over the surf for 15 minutes on Tuesday, April 1, 1980, from 10:45 to 11 p.m. It later traveled off.

Another resident of the Klipsan area reported he saw five objects shaped like up turned pie plates travel along the beach southward at different heights, but in a straight line. The objects were glowing, made no sound, and had what appeared to be windows along the object's edge. The person spotting them said they were not helicopters.

A man driving along the beach in front of Long Beach and Seaview spotted a round, glowing globe of light late last year as it hovered above the surf. It was evening, and as the man drove, the object would follow the vehicle parallel over the surf.

When the man sped up, the object would speed up to keep even. When the man turned his lights to the surf and towards the object, it seemed to quickly sink into the ocean. When lights were turned off, it would slowly emerge from the ocean to its original hovering height.