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Officer sights strange object

RIDGEFIELD — A Ridgefield officer reported seeing an unidentified object falling out of the sky on Tuesday, April 14.

While driving down 3rd Street just after 4 a.m., Officer Bernard Molloy said he saw a "brilliant green light" that appeared spherical in shape falling from the southern sky.

"It was going extremely fast at a 45 degree angle toward the ground," said Molloy, who watched the object until it disappeared at the tree line over the Columbia River north east of town.

"I'm not convinced it was a UFO, but it was weird and not anything I know about," said Molloy.

"It was definitely not an airplane or marker light, he said. Molloy

estimated the object to be the size of "several railroad box cars bunched together."

In other police news during the week of April 9 through April 16, Ridgefield officers:

April 9 — Responded to a complaint of a juvenile problem and contact parents.

— Investigated a report of a stop sign knocked down at 8th and Simon Ave.

April 10 — Arrested Jerry W. Ridgeway, 36, 514 Main Street, Ridgefield on a Battle Ground Warrant for failure to appear in court on D.W.I. and D.W.S. charges. He was also cited for D.W.S. in Ridgefield. Ridgeway was transported to the Clark County Sheriff's office and booked into jail.

April 13 — While on routine business check, found door unlocked. Notified owner and secured building.

— Investigated suspicious car unattended. Found subject sleeping in grass. Advised him that camping is prohibited.

— Investigated stolen bicycle from school. Filed a report.

— Responded to a juvenile complaint. Items returned.

April 15— Responded to a Pacific Wood Treating Co. truck which lost a spare tire from vehicle. Notified Ed Ryf at P.W.T.

April 16 — Responded to a vehicle fire at Union 76 Service Station along with Fire District #12. Fire was out upon arrival.