

Cops watch UFO over Indiana city; Air Force won't talk

FRANKFORT, Ind. (AP) — At least eight police officers say they watched an unidentified flying object that changed colors from red to green to white hover near this northcentral Indiana town for three hours before it sped away.

"You may call us crazy, but that's what the report said," one officer who asked not to be identified said today. The officers involved were not identified.

"They saw something, but they don't know what it was and nobody else seems to know," said Police Chief Paul Underwood. "It looked like it was over Kokomo, and the Kokomo police called Grissom Air Force Base and Grissom didn't know what it was either."

Underwood said Grissom personnel tracked the object on radar for about five hours, but the Air Force would not confirm that.

Underwood quoted his officers as saying the object got brighter and changed colors during the night. It was first reported to police at 11:30 p.m. and last observed at 4:30 a.m.

The police report said the first indication of a UFO came from Wesley Thomas, who said he saw the object hovering over the 600 block of Kyger Street in Frankfort.

Six Frankfort city officers, a county deputy and a reserve officer watched the UFO, which flew northeast toward the Clinton-Howard county line. There, it remained "relatively stationary" for at least three hours, the police report said. The object then quickly shot out of the area.

At Kokomo, about 20 miles northeast of Frankfort, police also acknowledged a sighting, but said their investigation had been turned over to the Air Force.

But the Air Force isn't talking. "We have had several reports, but I have no knowledge of it whatsoever," said Maj. Bob Allen of the Grissom public information office. "The Air Force no longer investigates these reports. We stopped doing that in the 1960s."

Allen would not confirm the radar tracking report except to say, "I am told that somebody talked to somebody. I'm trying to decipher that right now. But the Air Force doesn't get involved. I don't think I can give any more information."

Frankfort is about 50 miles northwest of Indianapolis.

A spokesman for the Federal Aviation Administration at Indianapolis said he was unaware of a report having been filed with the agency, but said most people reporting UFOs are referred to the national UFO research center in Washington.

But according to a recording, that office is closed for renovation until Saturday.