

Thursday eve UFOs?

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Strange lights have 15/9/78 many wondering

Probably nobody will ever know for sure, but several Prineville residents are convinced that the area was visited by unidentified flying objects (UFOs) last Thursday night.

The city police department received seven calls from residents who said they had sighted unusual lights to the northeast and the west. All calls reported that the objects were pulsating red, green and blue lights.

Officers Randy Sommers and John McMurrin, their curiosities aroused, drove out McKay to get a better look at the strange lights.

"I don't know what it was," Officer McMurrin said. "There were two bright stars that turned red, blue and green. They stayed there about four or five hours then kind of fizzled out."

"Another officer came over from the valley that day and said that he observed some balloonists on the way over. It's possible that's what everybody was seeing," he said. Another theory suggested that the objects were reflections from Northern Lights.

Teresa Close of 515 S. Main said that she and two friends sighted seven of the pulsating lights on Thursday night, and watched a smaller number on the following night. She added that the group also saw "white light that appeared to break off of the largest object of the group and streak across the sky."