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Strange lights over Texas

GALVESTON, Texas (UPI) — Flickering, star-shaped objects filled the sky with a weird glow last night over Galveston Island, police officials said.

Dispatcher Lucy Smith said 25 separate reports of the phenomenon were received by police between 6:34 p.m. and 7:30 p.m.

"One lady said the glow was lighting up her whole street," Smith said. "A former pilot who reported seeing it said it was hovering at about 7,000 feet."

The Coast Guard reported that an offshore gas rig

was burning off waste fumes and that the light was being reflected off a haze layer at about 7,000 feet.

Similar lights were reported Monday night.

"I'm very scared," Smith said. "We (the police) don't know how to handle it. There's nothing we can do about it."

Police Sgt. Dennis Langford said he tried to follow a glow in the sky Monday but the light began to move away from him and disappeared to the west.

"I don't know what it was," Smith said. "If it was an

aircraft, it hung there for a long time."

Smith said she stepped outside her office to watch an object last night.

"The object itself was stationary but the lights were flickering on and off. About every 10 seconds they would flicker."

She described the object as roughly star-shaped with a light color on top and a reddish color on the bottom.

Air traffic controllers at Houston Intercontinental Airport said nothing unusual happened in their airspace.