

Cops baffled by big boom

CLEVELAND (UPI) — Authorities yesterday were unable to explain a loud, violent boom that rattled walls and windows in a 400-square mile area and prompted frightened residents to call police.

Between 7:15 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. Sunday, about 100 people flooded police with calls about a boom heard in Cuyahoga, Lorain and Medina counties.

Police said some callers were terrified by the loud noise.

“One guy called and said it felt like the walls of his house were coming in,” Lorain County sheriff’s communication officer Tom Kelley said. “We sent someone out for an hour and they checked, but couldn’t find anything.”

The Cleveland Hopkins Interna-

tional Airport control tower said there was no indication from radar that a plane had caused a sonic boom.

The Cleveland National Weather Service said there were no thunderstorms in the area Sunday night.

Natural gas companies said they knew of no explosions in their lines.