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Meteor is given the credit for Sunday's aerial display

A bright streak of light seen Sunday evening in the St. Louis area and in Southern Illinois apparently was a disintegrating meteor, according to a spokesman for McDonnell Planetarium.

Tour guide Randy Lay said the distinctive condensation trail behind the object convinced planetarium workers — including one who saw the object — that it was a meteor.

"We've had a great many reports, from as far as South (St. Louis) County

and St. Charles," Lay said. "I took a dozen calls myself."

He said atmospheric conditions were good for the sighting.

Most reports said the light was in the southern or southwestern sky about 6:10 p.m.

Police agencies fielded calls from a number of people.

Illinois State Police at Effingham said they had reports of an airplane going down in flames, but troopers concluded that a meteor was the probable explanation.

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