

# Traffic cop sees UFO over city

AN unidentified flying object was spotted by a Kimberley traffic officer during the early hours of yesterday morning and his sighting coincides with similar reports throughout South Africa.

The traffic officer, Mr L. M. Pretorius of Diebel Street, West End, said he saw the UFO about 4.40 yesterday morning.

He said he was woken by his barking dogs, who sounded afraid.

'I glanced through my bedroom window and saw this thing hanging in the air', he said.

Mr Pretorius said he then moved out onto his balcony to see the object still hovering above the vacant piece of ground

across the road.

He described the object as being long and thin and about the length of two buses placed end to end. It was thinner in the middle and emitted a greenish, yellowish light, he said.

Mr Pretorius, who was adamant that the object was a UFO, said it remained hovering about 10 metres above the ground. The lights then went out and the UFO moved off in a southerly direction, he

said.

The object was definitely not a meteor. 'The lights went out slowly. It did not burn up', he said. 'Even with its lights extinguished I could still see the UFO moving against the horizon'.

Mr Pretorius said the object made no sound and he was 'absolutely certain' that it was a UFO.

He said he telephoned the military at Danie Theron Combat School after his sighting.

The military personnel only arrived on the scene about an hour later, long after the UFO had disappeared, he said.

Mr Pretorius said he 'really got a shock' when he saw the unidentified flying object. 'But I was not afraid, only very curious', he said. — See also Page 2.



CITY traffic officer, Mr L. M. Pretorius, who claims he saw a UFO outside his home during the early hours of yesterday morning, points to the spot where he saw the object hovering. In his hand is a rough sketch of the UFO which he saw.

## UFO sighted by scores of Transvaalers

**JOHANNESBURG** — An UFO reflecting a bright light was seen by scores of Transvaalers yesterday morning, SABC radio news reported.

The radio said one of its reporters saw an object moving swiftly across the sky at a height of about 30 metres over Alberton, moving from north to south. A tremor was felt about a minute after the UFO had

passed, rattling doors and windows.

The SABC said its switchboard was jammed with calls from people who claimed that they had heard explosions and felt tremors. Callers said they occurred between 4.30 and 5.30am.

A former head of the Johannesburg planetarium and well-known astronomer, Professor Arthur Bleksley, said there was

little doubt the flying object was a meteorite that had burnt itself out in the earth's atmosphere. Indications were that it was not an abnormal phenomenon.

Mr P J Truter of Waverley, Pretoria, however, said the 'thing in the sky' was not a meteor, but an intelligently constructed, very symmetrical spaceship.

'It was not like those ones you see in magazines,' said Mr Truter, who saw the object from his bed early yesterday.

He described the spaceship as comprising three sections, joined to form an elongated craft. Mr Truter did not notice any windows on the ship, and nor was there any sound, he said. — Sapa

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