

## Soviets decide 'space alien' marks made by modern bolt

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MOSCOW (AP) — Soviet scientists weren't about to buy the local legend that a piece of the sun fell near the town of Ukhta, but how were they to explain those perplexing rock markings, hexagonally shaped imprints 760 yards below the Earth's surface?

Some people said the markings were evidence that an alien spacecraft had once landed in the area. The Paleontology Institute of the Soviet Academy of Sciences, also, concluded the markings were not a result of natural processes, the official news agency Tass said.

Stumped, scientists called in researchers from the country's top criminology institute.

"The criminologists quickly discovered that the traces had been left by the head of a bolt currently in use," Tass reported. "The examination revealed that the digits 8 and 4 had been pressed on the imprints."

As to how the bolts reached such depths, there was no explanation.

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