

## 30 people report UFO

BLOOMINGTON (UPI) — County and local officials came back to Earth on Monday but are still trying to pin down what some central Illinois residents saw in the sky.

McLean County Sheriff Steve Brien said an unidentified flying object reportedly flew over the county around 9:30 p.m. Sunday.

Brien said his department received nearly 30 calls, and he estimated another 50 calls each for Bloomington and Normal police departments.

Brien said a brightly colored UFO reportedly passed over the county. He said the sighting was reported to the National UFO Center in Seattle, but "we still don't know what to make of it all at this point. It's been reported, and we're all trying to things back to normal.

"There were numerous sightings last night of an object passing over and around McLean County. It was brightly colored and we even received reports from state troopers. Right now, there is speculation from all fronts. The calls really started coming around 9:30 (p.m.)."

Local officials tried to calm callers and said they believed the sighting could have been part of a satellite or a meteor re-entering the atmosphere.

But Robert Gribble of the National UFO Reporting Center in Seattle said neither was a likely cause.

Gribble said he also received reports of sightings in seven states Sunday. In those reports, witnesses described the object as moving west to east, but local officials said the apparent UFO was on a different course and traveling north.

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said he lifts 20-pound weights in each hand and 20-pound barbells for muscle tone, but does not increase the weights because he must be careful not to strain his sternum for another month.

Dowling, who is in no pain, said the bones in his chest still are healing.