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Woman reports UFO sighting by daylight

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ADELANTO — Benicia Carlile isn't saying she believes in UFOs — but she'd sure like to know what that ... that *thing* was doing, hovering over her neighbor's house on Thursday.

"It looked like the tail fin of an airplane," Carlile said Friday. "It was very shiny, like chrome or polished aluminum, and it had no markings or features of any kind. As it was coming down, I thought at first it was part of a plane that had crashed and was falling out of the sky."

But instead of thudding to earth in a cloud of dust, the flying tail fin slowly descended with "a wavy motion" to soundlessly hover between Carlile and her neighbor's home — less than 100 yards away.

It all started about 11 a.m. Friday, as Carlile drove up to her residence

at Cactus and Bellflower Streets in this sparsely-populated desert area 1/2 mile south of the Adelanto city limits. The incident was to last, she said, almost half an hour.

"I was about to turn into my driveway when I saw it coming more-or-less straight down out of the sky," Carlile said. "It stopped and hung in the air between me and that other house, about 30 feet off the ground."

Carlile said the smooth and silvery object looked like a large, rounded-off airplane "tail fin" (vertical stabilizer) with a very short fuselage in front. She sketched a shape that looked sort of like a fat boomerang laid on one side.

Comparing it to trees surrounding the house, she decided it must have been about 30 feet long. "It was about the size of the Goodyear sign in front of Victor Plaza — if you

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