

# Covingtonians See Odd Object In Northern Sky

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COVINGTON, Ky.—Covington Police Sgt. William Dorsey doesn't know what he saw in the skies early Saturday, but he has equipped his cruiser with binoculars and a camera in case he sees it again.

At about 1 a.m. Dorsey answered a call to the 3800 block of Glenn Ave. Police Specialist Todd Finan and several residents were watching a strange object overhead to the north.

"It was an oval-shaped object above the northwest horizon over North Cincinnati," Dorsey said. "It went from red to green to white in color and moved slowly from east to west, parallel to the ground."

Dorsey drove to several other places, including Tower Drive, Taylor Mill, and Devou Park. But he didn't see the object there and returned to Glenn Avenue. The red-green-white sphere still was in the skies, he said.

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"WE HAD the dispatch desk call the (Greater Cincinnati International) airport tower," Dorsey said. "They confirmed they had something on radar but didn't know what it was."

Dorsey said he and Finan didn't make an official report. If he had to, he said, he probably would describe the sighting as a "reflection of swamp gas."

Fellow officers haven't kidded Dorsey and Finan about the incident.

"They know me and Todd. They feel we saw something," said Dorsey, a veteran of 14 years' police work. "There's enough of the boy in me that anytime I see something I can't explain, it arouses my curiosity and imagination."

"I checked to make sure no one had reported theft of a Pepsi dispenser," Dorsey said, referring to television commercials which depict space visitors beaming up to their ship a machine containing the soft drink.

"IF I HAD my druthers, I'd guess we saw a reflection of some type of radio tower or beacon. But I'm familiar with radio towers—I've been a ham (amateur) radio operator for years—and I've never seen a tower with green lights."

Henry Merrick, assistant air traffic manager of the Federal Aviation Administration's tower at Greater Cincinnati International Airport, said he found no record of a radar sighting of the object.

"If it did happen, it wasn't on our log," Merrick said.

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