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Report sighting of UFO

ROCKPORT, Texas (UPI) _ A dozen people, including a deputy sheriff, reported seeing a UFO in the Monday morning sky. The deputy said the object was "bright white with red rings," appeared to rotate and turned its lights on and off.

One witness said her car stalled when the object approached and restarted when the unidentified flying object sped off.

But the object was not picked up on radar screens at the Corpus Christi Naval Air Station, and the National UFO Reporting Center _ a private organization in Seattle, Wash. _ said the object probably was the planet Venus glowing brightly in the morning sky.

Aransas County Deputy Joe Veases insisted the object was a UFO, not the morning star.

"The object couldn't be Venus because it's to the south of what I'm looking at," Veases said.

"It (the UFO) appeared to rotate and turn its lights on and off several times. It appeared at 4 a.m. and rose slowly. It finally disappeared at 7 a.m. It was bright white with red rings around it."

Veases said a dozen witnesses spotted the glowing object, including a woman who was driving across a causeway just north of Rockport, not far from Corpus Christi. Halfway across the bridge, her headlights went out, her alternator light flipped on and the car stalled, she said.

"When the light moved away, her car restarted," Veases said.

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