

Possible UFO Sighting Brings 339 Appeal From Museum Scientist

The search is apparently on again in the Durant area for "unidentified flying objects."

Back on October 29, several persons in Durant, Madill and Sherman-Denison claimed they saw a UFO racing across the night sky.

John Williams, with the Fort Worth Museum of Science and History, headed an unsuccessful search for the fallen chunk of space rock.

Today, Williams is looking for a falling star seen early Tuesday morning.

The scientist said several employ-

ees of the Fort Worth Star-Telegram saw the bright light at about 3:50 a.m. Tuesday.

A Fort Worth police officer also reported seeing it.

"It was seen to the north from the Fort Worth area headed east," Williams said.

Williams said he has "no idea how far north of the city it may have been," but speculated that it was "anywhere from 100 to 200 miles northeast."

He stressed that it is "very important" that anyone who saw the ob-

ject from Durant contact him.

"It is essential we get an observation or two from the Durant area so we can find out if it's further north of Durant."

To the people in Fort Worth, Williams said, the "intense white light with some blue in it" appeared for only three or four seconds.

Williams said his lengthy search for a meteorite in November was unsuccessful "because some of the information we got about it came so far after the fact that we couldn't

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conduct a ground search."

He said he never found anyone who actually heard an explosion reportedly caused by the falling object.

However, Williams said he is certain that object fell "not far from Bonham. I'm sure it definitely fell on the Texas side."

He is hoping to pin down the location of the latest sighting.

"One of the most important factors," he explained, "is whether or not the light went out after it was within 20 miles of earth. If it went out that close, there's a good chance there is something left."

In addition, he wants to know what it looked like, how long it lasted, how bright it was compared to the moon and, most importantly, the direction it was headed.

"I can get a certain amount of information on the phone," he said. "If our early information suggests there's a high probability that it reached the ground, I will try to do something within a few days."

Anyone with information about the object should contact Williams at the Fort Worth Museum of Science and History, 1501 Montgomery Street, Fort Worth, Texas 76107.

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