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# UFOs are reported by two in Lanesboro

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LANESBORO — A Cheshire man claims he spotted an unidentified flying object as he was driving through Lanesboro on Cheshire Road last night at about 7:40 p.m.

Michael Rinaldi, 37, of 7 Richmond St., Cheshire, said he was driving north on Cheshire Road with his mother when he saw a low-flying diamond-shaped object directly above the road ahead of his car. He said there were two white lights on the object that were so bright they lit up the leaves on the nearby trees. It appeared to be about 1,500 feet in the air and about "a few thousand feet" away.

Rinaldi said he is taking courses to obtain a private pilot's license, and that the lights he saw did not resemble any aviation lights he is familiar with. He also said the object bore no resemblance to any type of airplane.

## Second witness

Another witness, a Lanesboro resident who requested that his name be withheld, also reported seeing a "white flash" flying at a low altitude across Pontoosuc Lake as he was traveling north on Route 7 at about 10 last night. He said, however, that the flash was so quick he could not get a good look at the object.

Rinaldi said when he spotted the flying object he pulled his car over to the side of the road. Two other cars traveling behind him also stopped, he said, and the drivers got out to watch the object. Then the bright lights on the flying object went out, Rinaldi said, and he saw two smaller pink lights on the bottom of the object. At that point, he said, the drivers in the two other cars drove away.

The flying object then made a sharp turn in an easterly direction over a field, then another sharp turn toward his car, Rinaldi said. He turned off his car headlights, and the flying object's two bright white lights came back on, he said, one after the other. Then the object veered off northwest toward Mount Greylock, he said. When he got in his car and tried to follow it, he lost sight of it, he said.

A spokesman for the UFO Reporting Center, a private scientific agency based in Seattle, Wash., said his organization has had other reports of diamond-shaped objects, but that he had no more specific information about exactly what the object could have been. He said his organization receives about four reports each day of apparent UFO sightings.

Rinaldi said he is not "a science fiction buff."