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# 'UFO' over Ontario?

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Was there a UFO in the skies over Ontario Thursday night?

Nobody knows for sure. But Ontario police did receive several calls from residents who reported seeing a large red light hovering high above their rooftops.

Jim Semon said he was awakened about 12:15 a.m. Friday by his dogs barking. "I sat up and I heard a noise like fireworks," he said. "They came from this red light in the sky."

Semon, a physical education teacher at Chaffey High School, said he jumped out of bed and ran outside. "My wife said, 'What are you doing?' I said, 'Honey, there's some weird fireworks or something out here.'"

The light appeared high in the sky to the south of the Semon's house in the 300 block of East Fifth Street, he said. It hovered silently, occasionally giving off flashes of colored lights and loud popping sounds, he said.

The light also periodically grew and shrunk in size, and moved in occasional bursts across the sky, he said.

"It was weird — fl out weird," said Semon. "I want to find out what the sucker was. I hope someone else saw it."

Apparently, someone else did. Between about 10:30 p.m. Thursday and 12:30 a.m. Friday, Ontario police had three other calls about the light. Dispatchers at the West End sheriff's station in Ontario also received similar calls.

After he watched it for about 15 minutes, the red light began moving east, Semon said. Then it disappeared altogether.

Not everyone is convinced of the sighting, however. Marv Shappi, a supervisor in the radar approach control building at Ontario International Airport, said he isn't aware of any unusual objects in the local skies Thursday night.

"I'm not saying things can't happen, but I'm a little skeptical," he said. "People see a lot of strange things."