

Early risers spot UFO near Petaluma

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) ³⁹²
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For UFO believers who have endured years of drab skies and no sightings, Thursday, and its full moon, was a big day.

More than a dozen people said they saw a mysterious UFO racing across the pre-dawn sky north of San Francisco — a strange X-shaped craft with blinking lights that hovered above the hills of Sonoma County before speeding away into the dark.

A California Highway Patrol officer who declined to be named and radio station KTOB News Director Arlette Cohen were among those who reported spotting the strange craft at about 4:30 a.m. PDT between the cities of Petaluma and Sonoma.

The sighting came on the heels of reports of pingpong-ball-sized multi-colored UFOs crowding radar screens in Sao Paulo, Brazil. The government scrambled jet fighters to intercept the tiny objects, and two pilots said they saw the objects flying nearby.

"I saw these two white lights to the east," Cohen said, estimating the craft was about 1,000 feet in the air. She said she noticed the UFO when it crossed to the west side of the highway, and "hovered almost stock-still for a few seconds."

Cohen said she was driving to work at her Petaluma station, northbound on U.S. 101, and made the sighting shortly before reaching Petaluma.

When the craft crossed the highway once again, she said she saw two "tiny green lights" glowing faintly on the side opposite the two bright white lights.

"I think I saw sort of a black 'X' silhouette shape," Cohen said. "It was really hard to tell."

"An unidentified object described as a large orange 'X' with white lights in the front was seen traveling at a high rate of speed eastbound from Petaluma," Santa Rosa CHP Officer Bill McChristian said of the report from the unidentified officer and several callers.

San Francisco Bay area air traffic controllers said they could not explain the sighting, saying radar screens detected no such object flying over the area at that time.

The North American

A ¹ ~~San Francisco~~ Defense Command in

Colorado said no man-made spacecraft would have been

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Another UFO sighting reported

PETALUMA (UPI) ³⁹² More than a dozen people including police officer reported seeing a UFO that was shaped like a "large orange X" hovering and darting over a suburban city north of San Francisco.

"I looked up and saw several orange lights hovering in the sky said Sue Hart, who was delivering newspapers with a companion around 4:30 a.m. PDT Thursday when the mysterious object was sighted.

"I stared at them and they moved on rapidly several hundred yards, hovering again and took off again to the east. We were kind of joking around about it but then I started to think and I got scared.

A California Highway Patrolman, who declined to give his name said he saw the object flying east near Petaluma at a high rate of speed.

He described it as a "large, orange X with white lights on the front."

The patrolman and other witnesses agreed that the object was shaped like an X, had small green, white and orange lights — and was not an airplane.

"I saw tiny lights in the northeast, hovering along the hilltops said Arlett Cohen, a radio news director who was driving north on U.S. 101 toward Petaluma. "At first I thought it was an airplane, but then it came overhead and I saw that it wasn't."

Air traffic controllers in the San Francisco area and military spokesmen for air bases in the region were unable to explain the object.

The sighting came three days after Brazilian air force jets reportedly chased more than a dozen fast-moving objects marked intense green, red and white lights.

Visible at 4:30 a.m. in Northern California, but that debris from

the Cosmos 1683 satellite reportedly re-entered.