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Officials doubt UFO sighting

Authorities said today they doubt a light spotted by a Nevada family and a state highway patrolwoman while it hovered in the sky over U.S. 93 near Wikieup was a UFO.

Lt. John Tibbetts of the state Department of Public Safety said the family was "headed north from Wickenburg when they observed a yellowish-orange light on the horizon."

"They apparently felt they were being followed by this light," Tibbetts said. The light reportedly came within a mile of their car, he said.

The family, whose name was not released, stopped just before 5 a.m. to point the lights out to patrolman Veronica Minch, who was on duty in the area, he said. The patrolwoman saw the lights, Tibbetts said, but authorities are skeptical.

"The people are pretty confident in their mind that it was a UFO," Tibbetts said.

He said Air Force authorities at Nellis Air Force Base in Las Vegas, Nev., were notified of the sighting.

A spokesman at the base said today the Air Force had no information on the sighting and could not say what was seen.

"It's fairly often we get these reports," the spokesman said, "and we don't know what they see."