

# Police study ash for blast, flash clues

A fine white ash found covering a new car may be considered a clue to Tuesday night's mysterious light flash and boom observed by a number of county residents.

Clark County Sheriff Gary Lawson said Nancy White who lives in Calmes Subdivision off the Old Boonesboro Road reported finding the ash covering her car Thursday afternoon.

He said she told him she hadn't

driven the car in a few days and didn't notice the ash until Thursday.

Although Lawson didn't speculate on what the ash could be, he said it was whiter and more fine than other ash he has seen.

Residents along the Flanagan Station Road said that Tuesday night between 9 and 10 p.m. they saw a bright flash of light and many heard a boom like an ex-

plosion, but so far there have been no answers to what may have caused them.

Lawson said he received three calls shortly after speaking with Mrs. White from the Oak Ridge laboratories in Oak Ridge, Tenn. He said he didn't know how the scientists found out about the ash, but they wanted to run tests on it to determine where it may have come from.

He said they speculated it may be from a meteorite.

Lawson said he was asked to get a sample of the ash, but when he returned to Mrs. White's residence, she was not home and her car was gone.

Lawson said he expected a call from Oak Ridge today to see if the scientists were coming to Winchester.

Mrs. White was not available for comment this morning.

The sheriff's department also is investigating a phone call

received by the Winchester Police Department Wednesday from an anonymous man who said he exploded a rocket-type firework left from the Fourth of July in the Flanagan Station Road area Tuesday night.

It was rumored that the Clark County Fire Department had some fireworks missing from their July 4 display at Lykins Park, but the fire department said today that all its fireworks had been accounted for.

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