

# UFO sightings checked in southern Wisconsin

BELLEVILLE, Wis. (AP) — The peculiar lights a Belleville patrolman says he saw in the night sky may be the same as those noticed elsewhere in Wisconsin and Illinois, and are under study by a national UFO organization.

Police Chief Jack Pace says patrolman Glen Kazmar reported colored lights to local authorities Jan. 15, and the information was relayed to the Federal Aviation Administration control tower in Chicago.

Other reports of lights were received that night by sheriff's deputies in Dane and Green counties.

The FAA tower in Chicago said it was tracking a slowly moving object in the area, but made no radio contact with it.

"Actually, we're not sure if what

they were looking at on their radar was what officer Kazmar saw, but it's possible," Pace said.

Kazmar was off duty Monday and did not answer his home telephone, but he previously told the Monroe Evening Times: "When it just stayed in the same place, and the bright lights, then I knew it was something that isn't normal."

"He couldn't see what the lights were attached to," Pace said. "All he saw was red, white and blue lights, wavering close together and forming a straight line. He couldn't hear any sound."

Kazmar first sighted the lights about 9 p.m. and he and a passenger, Jeff Furse, began studying them more closely about 3 a.m., Kazmar told the newspaper.

They watched them until nearly daybreak, when the lights disappeared

on the horizon, he said.

Kazmar estimated he got within a mile of the lights, Pace said.

The sighting has been referred to the Center for UFO Studies, which has an office in Glenview, Ill., said Sherman Larsen, a founding director of the group.

Pace said an investigator from the center contacted him and he referred the man to Kazmar.

"Happenings in Dane County very closely correspond to a number of sightings in the Waukesha area and Kenosha County," said Don Schmitt, a Milwaukee man assigned by the center to investigate Kazmar's lights.

"One matches identically to one in northern Dane County," he said, adding he currently is investigating 11 state UFO reports.

Pace said he was a private pilot and

he believed the lights Kazmar reported didn't belong to a conventional aircraft, which would have red, white and green lights.

"Lights moving very slowly or standing still is a little abnormal for aircraft," he added.

Having no radio contact is not abnormal, especially if an aircraft is on a visual flight path, he added.

Since Kazmar's sighting and news of it spread, Belleville's six-officer police department has received several calls about UFO sightings, Pace said.

Some calls have also been to Kazmar's home.

None of the sightings resemble what Kazmar reported, and Pace added he expects the reports to taper off.

"Eventually people will find something else to talk about," he said. "Something else will spark their interest. New rumors will start."