

Strange light reportedly shooting star

BOSTON (AP) — A streaking, bright light in the night sky that sent hundreds of Massachusetts residents running to the telephone to find out what was happening turned out to be a shooting star, airport spokesmen said.

"It seems to have been too far out of range to be a plane," Phil Orlandella, spokesman for Logan International Airport in Boston, said Thursday night.

Orlandella and spokesmen at other airfields said there were no reports of a plane crash, or any other problems with aircraft flying at the time.

The burst of light was spotted about 8:45 p.m. Telephones at police stations, airports, newspapers and radio and television stations soon began ringing.

A spokesman for security at Worcester Municipal Airport said aircraft in the area reported to the tower that the flash across the sky was a shooting star.

"Several aircraft in flight observed it fairly close up," said the spokesman.

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