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### Uncle says he rigged UFO landing as a joke

LAKE CITY, Minn. (AP) — Eight years after Curtis Olson found two scorched, flattened circles in his cornfield that he claimed were evidence of a UFO landing, his uncle has 'confessed to rigging the site as a joke.

David Olson, 44, a chemist, said he lugged a butane torch and a posthole tamper into the field following a family discussion of UFOs. He said he would have confessed, but the site was investigated immediately by the sheriff, the county extension agent and the Center for UFO Studies.

"It developed so fast and people were so intense about it, I thought I'd better shut up," he said. "I thought they might . . . string me up."

But Curtis Olson doesn't believe his uncle's belated confession. "We had experts out there who said it couldn't have been a prank," the nephew insisted.

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