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Award posted for story of proven UFO kidnappings

NEW YORK (UPI) — A person who claims to have been abducted by an unidentified flying object can earn a quick \$10,000 — if the kidnapping can be verified.

A private investigator challenges anyone to prove a kidnapping by extraterrestrial beings and, if convinced, says he will pay \$10,000 to the victim.

Philip Klass, a member of a group that debunks claims of the paranormal, said Thursday he was responding to two recently published books that detail alleged abductions of people by aliens from UFOs.

"I'm doing this because there is enough in this world to worry about without having to worry about a fantasy," he said in a telephone interview from his home in Washington, D.C.

One of the books, "Communion," an account by Whitley Strieber of his own alleged abduction by aliens, has reached No. 2 on bestseller lists.

The other, "Intruders," by Bud Hopkins, is a collection of accounts from people who claim creatures from UFOs subjected them to such indignities as rape and abortion.

Klass, who has investigated UFOs for years for the Committee for the Scientific Investigation of Claims of the Paranormal, said none of the kidnappings reported in the books was ever reported to the FBI.

He said people who knowingly report spurious kidnappings to the FBI are subject to a \$10,000 fine and a five-year prison sentence.

Klass said he will give the \$10,000 award to anyone who reports an account of their own UFO kidnapping to the FBI and receives confirmation from the agency that the incident did occur.

"This is for a proven victim of UFO kidnapping only," Klass said. "I am not, repeat not, offering it to those who have been kicked in the head by Santa's reindeer."