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An unidentified flying object distinguished by a maze of lights hovered at about treetop level before disappearing from view in a matter of seconds, police said Thursday.

The Marion County Sheriff's Office received four calls from residents in the Citra area, about 15 miles north of Ocala, late Wednesday about a UFO. A deputy who dispatched also saw the object, said department spokesman Ken Ergle.

"He saw it hovering over the top of the trees, like it was following the railroad tracks," he said. "It had a red light on one side, a green light on the other, a white light in the front and a white light beaming down with sparks coming out of the back."

Ergle said the UFO made no noise and the deputy said it did not have the shape of any aircraft known to him.

"He said he couldn't really tell a shape other than where the lights were, and when it took off it was gone in a matter of seconds," Ergle said. "It took off at a high rate of speed toward the northwest, toward Gainesville."

Nearby military installations were contacted but all reported they did not have aircraft in the area.

Police have discontinued the investigation and simply classified the sighting as a UFO.