

UFO center probes abduction reports from Belleville, New Glarus areas

BELOTT, Wis. (UPI) — A director of the National Center for UFO Studies says his agency is studying two reports of women being abducted by UFOs in the Belleville and New Glarus areas of south-central Wisconsin.

Don Schmitt, a Milwaukee-based director of the non-profit center located in Glenview, Ill., said Thursday in a telephone interview that the two reports surfaced after a June 5 presentation in Belleville.

During the presentation Schmitt said several January UFO sightings in the area could not be explained by natural phenomena.

"One of the alleged abductions occurred the same day the Belleville officer made the first report that was later classified as a UFO. One of the

cases appears very promising in that there is physical evidence of traumatization.

He said he could not be specific about what the trauma involved because he had not seen the doctor's report.

"The second abduction allegedly happened several years ago in New Glarus, Brooklyn area and there were several witnesses," said Schmitt.

Both reports were of women being abducted and later returned, Schmitt said. The women were not identified.

Schmitt said he was surprised at the number of people who came forward after the June 5 news conference.

"In 90 percent of these cases

(UFO reports) we can explain away what happened to natural causes. It's those 10 percent that are so perplexing. In the Belleville case, the level of activity there is unprecedented this year around the world and the level of activity in the Dane-Green county areas is unprecedented in the world in the last 10 years," he said.

The center correlates international data.

There are various reports of people claiming they were abducted and held by UFOs, said Schmitt, who does not like to use the term "extraterrestrial."

"When I hold it in my hand and decide it is not something from here, then I'd classify it as extraterrestrial, until then, we have UFOs and no one is sure what's in them," he said.

Some of the additional sighting reports are exciting to the center because one of them concerns a possible landing of an object and that report may yield what he calls "trace physical evidence" if the center can pinpoint the site, Schmitt said.

"That would actually be two types of physical evidence because the farmer who reported it said his farm animals were unnerved and jumpy about the alleged landing which means there must have been some audible sign," he said.

He also said a young man came up to him during the June 5 news conference and said he and his grandfather had seen a hovering saucer-like object, but Schmitt said the youth left before he could get his name to verify the report.