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## 'Meteors' light up sky, switchboards

### Flaming objects spotted streaking over San Diego

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Reports of unidentified flaming objects lit up switchboards at government agencies across Southern California on Monday, but searches failed to unravel the airborne mystery.

"It was definitely a meteor, or some other space garbage," said R.W. Curry, a San Diego County sheriff's sergeant who

said he sighted objects streaking through the sky while he was at Brown Field in southern San Diego Monday morning.

The North American Aerospace Defense Command, which tracks man-made objects in space, said their radar detected nothing unusual.

"(The sightings) had nothing to do with any space debris," said command spokeswoman Major Beth Kilgore from Colorado Springs, Colo.

The San Diego County Sheriff's Department said it had

received calls from all over the county from people who said they saw fiery airborne objects.

The Federal Aviation Administration tower at the Lindbergh Field reported that nothing unusual had appeared on their computer or radar screens. However, Bob Vaughn, air traffic manager of the Terminal Radar Approach Control, said a commercial airline pilot flying at 4,000 feet over northern San Diego County saw what could have been a meteor shower.

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