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Waunakee sighting classified as UFO

MILWAUKEE (UPI) _ The National Center for UFO Studies said today a July 14 sighting near Waunakee has been classified as a UFO.

Two Waunakee police officers, Scott McElroy and Kevin Plendl, responded to a report about 2 a.m. that a local couple had seen red, blue and white lights in the sky.

Don Schmitt, the center director, said since the original sighting report, two other independent corraborating sightings have been referred to the center.

"We have ruled out conventional aircraft, weather balloons, private aircraft from the duration and description of the sightings, and all other astronomical phenomena," Schmitt said. "That leaves only one thing. A UFO," he said.

"One sighting, in addition to the officers, occurred west of Madison. A woman was feeling ill and she walked past the window and was drawn by these bright lights. They were red, white and blue, quite bright and distinct just west of town. This was reported just prior to when the report came in to the Waunakee department," Schmitt said.

Although the officers reported just white lights, Schmitt said, the couple calling the police said the red and blue lights merged with the white, or moved behind the white light. He said that would be consistent with another report of corraborating the sighting.

"At the same time the officers were at the couples' home, a sighting was reported near Stoughton. The party pulled into a plant driveway facing south. They observed a white light with a flashing blue and flashing red light on each side.

"The sighting was not consistent with commercial aircraft because commercial aircraft has green, not blue, lights, and we questioned the party at length about the possiblity of confusing green with blue lights and they were sure that didn't happen," he said.

"The shape swept slowly west making no sound and the white disappeared and they saw the blue and red like fuselage," Schmitt said.

Although there were reports the sighting was Jupiter, that was debunked by Prof. Mark Slovak of the University of Wisconsin-Madison's Astronomy Department.

Schmitt said he also dismisses a theory that the Waunakee sightings were part of a "herd affect" syndrome from the rash of sightings near Belleville.

"One of the Waunakee reports was from someone who didn't even know about Belleville," he said.

The Belleville sighting, also reported by a police officer, was classified as a UFO in June.

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