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Was the UFO he spotted a small private airplane?

It's up in the air whether the UFO spotted Friday by Doug Griffin of Bismarck was a plane or an alien spacecraft.

Charles Cole, manager of the airport traffic control tower at the Bismarck Municipal Airport, said it's doubtful the UFO Griffin saw was a jet because a large plane would not have flown that low.

But it might have been a private plane, Cole said. "We have no way of knowing because if it were that low it would not have been under our radio control."

Griffin saw the UFO at about 6:30 p.m. Friday about five miles west of the Menoken Interstate exit No. 38. It was about 200 yards off the ground when Griffin viewed it with binoculars.