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— GULF BREEZE, Fla. (UPI) — A director of a private group that investigates sightings of unidentified flying objects said Friday that he thinks UFO photos allegedly taken last month in northwest Florida are among the best.

"I can't recall seeing a better set of photographs being available to the public in the past 10 years," said Donald M. Ware, a state director of the Texas-based Mutual UFO Network.

The pictures were published last month in the weekly Sentinel of Gulf Breeze. They show a glowing object that appears to be above tree-top level. The anonymous photographer claimed he took them with a Poloroid Nov. 11.

In subsequent issues the newspaper published accounts from other residents who claimed they saw the same object. An investigator for MUFON, which has been looking into sightings 18 years, began studying into the case.

"A preliminary investigation, prior to completion of photogrammetric analysis, indicates an unknown of great significance because of the quality of the five photographs and the reputation of the individual witnesses," Ware said.

Ware, a former Air Force fighter pilot who lives in Fort Walton Beach, said a photos have been sent to an expert for an analysis that may, among other things, determine the size of the object.

— PENSACOLA, Fla. (UPI) — A man who allegedly lured a real estate agent to a vacant home then tried to rape her at knifepoint is the target of a manhunt, authorities said Friday.

John David Stewart, 34, is wanted for questioning in two sexual attacks on women in metropolitan Pensacola. The first one was July 23 in a vacant apartment and the latest incident was Tuesday at a vacant home, deputies said.

"He specifically asked for a certain woman to show him the house," said Cpl. Gerald Zeka.

Zeka said the suspect asked to see the bedroom, then began hitting the real estate agent and pulled a knife. She struggled with the assailant and managed to break free and run from the house.

A warrant against Stewart was obtained but he could not be located.

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