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Falling rocket puts on show

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KANSAS CITY, Mo. (AP) — A rocket body burned up as it entered the Earth's atmosphere Saturday night, putting on a spectacular light show over a broad area of the West and Midwest, the National Weather Service said.

The lights streaked across the sky about 8:50 p.m. CST, and callers from Montana to Arkansas said they saw vividly colored streaks of blue, red and other hues.

"We're getting all kinds of calls — one of our officers even saw it," said Cpl. Joe Schmidli of the Independence, Mo., police.

The Weather Service in Wichita, Kan., citing information from the North American Air Defense Command, reported that the lights were from the rocket's re-entry. It was not immediately clear what rocket had re-entered the atmosphere.

Switchboards at police headquarters and radio and news stations lit up as people called to report the phenomenon.