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## 'Bright light' baffles 2 police agencies

SHERBURNE — A "bright light" in the sky last night left police from two different departments wondering about what they had seen.

The Village of Sherburne Police Department and the Chenango County Sheriff's Department said representatives of both departments reported seeing something in the sky between routes 12 and 12B shortly after 7 p.m.

Federal Aviation Agency representatives at Edwin A. Link Field in Broome County said they had no radar sightings then.

"It was bigger than a meteor," said Sherburne Police Chief William Excell. "It was extremely bright, like a flash. It caught my eye. It was coming down at an angle, short of half-moon shaped."

Sheriff's Deputy Henry Campbell said he also witnessed the light while on patrol north of Sherburne.

"It was the brightest white light I have ever seen," Campbell said, adding that another motorist also witnessed it. "It was almost like an electric transformer had blown up," he said.

There were no reports of any electrical problems in the area, Excell said.