

Tuna boat crews buzzed by UFO

MELBOURNE: The crews of two South Australian tuna boats today reported that they were buzzed by a UFO similar to the one which attacked a family in a car yesterday.

The crews of the Port Lincoln-based *Empress Lady* and the *Monica* reported the incident as happening about 30 minutes after the mainland attack.

The boats were in the Great Australian Bight near the West Australian-South Australian border.

South Australian police hope to interview the crews when they return to port some time next week.

The sightings were relayed from the boats to a light aircraft in the area this morning.

The *Empress Lady's* skipper told the pilot that six crewmen saw a bright light approaching the boat.

The light hovered above their boat, causing their voices to become "slowed and distorted", before the light moved off.

The incident was witnessed by the crew of the second tuna boat.

Their descriptions of an egg shaped object matched those given by the Knowles family.

Mrs Fay Knowles, of the Perth, and her sons, Sean, 21, Patrick, 24 and Wayne, 18, claimed the car in which they were travelling across the Nullarbor was lifted off the Eyre Highway near Mundrabilla by the UFO.

They also claim their voices were altered during the experience.

Detectives have taken samples of black ash found on the car to Adelaide for analysis.

A Melbourne-based space engineer said today the (UFO) could have been a rare phenomenon known as "ball lightning".