

DOCTOR TREATS 'UFO' FAMILY

He said the dust was consistent with material from brake linings and was consistent with similar material found on other vehicles.

Results of police tests won't be known till the end of this week.

The Knowles have been contracted to Channel 7 for a sum believed to be \$5000. It is understood the terms of the contract prevent them speaking with other media for three months.

The reporter who compiled the story was Channel 7 Adelaide's chief-of-staff Frank Pangallo.

"Nobody's really disputing that they didn't see anything," Mr Pangallo said yesterday. "It's just that nothing hit the car."

Mr Pangallo said some dents found on the car were old and consistent with wear and tear. There were two dents on the roof and some on the side of the car. Two dents were fairly recent.

Mr Pangallo said griger counters had been used in the tests but no trace of radioactivity had been found.

Asked about Faye Knowles' angry reaction to the Channel 7 tests, Mr Pangallo said: "I've spent a bloody hour trying to explain to them they're not being made out to be liars. I just said to them 'look you just got it confused'."

"The smoke in the car was caused by your burst tyre. It wasn't this UFO. There's nothing saying you didn't see a UFO because it has been witnessed by other people on the road."

"Independent witnesses have seen it and it was seen again the following night. And it also buzzed a tuna trawler at Port Lincoln on the Wednesday night."

"So it's not that they're being made out to be liars. They were genuinely distressed at seeing something."

Mr Pangallo also defended the Channel 7 contract which prevented the Knowles from discussing the story with any other media group.

"There was some commercial interest, but it was a drop in the ocean compared with the fistful of dollars the Mike Willesee team were waving around the Eyre Peninsula and the Nullarbor," he said. "They were going as high as \$20,000."

Mr Pangallo described how he had "mitched up" the Seven exclusive.

He said he was the first reporter on the scene and arranged for the Knowles car to be hidden on a property in Wudinna on South Australia's Eyre Peninsula.

"There were film crews and journalists from Melbourne, Sydney, Brisbane and Perth scouring the town trying to find it," he said.



The Knowles family ... Patrick, Wayne, Faye and Sean.