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Lift-off . . . an artist's impression of the family's amazing encounter

A SHOCKED family told yesterday how their car was plucked off the ground—by aliens in a FLYING EGGCUP.

They said the UFO chased them at 125mph across Australia's barren Nullarbor Plain and grabbed hold of the car roof by a mysterious force.

Then it swung the car round and dropped it facing the way it had come, with a burst tyre, dents in the roof and a coating of ashes.

Mum Faye Knowles, 48, who was driving with her three grown-up sons, told police their speech "became slurred" when they tried to shout during the 2am encounter.

"We were a little bit sceptical at first," said Sergeant Jim Furnell of Ceduna police in South Australia.

Swerved

"But after investigating, we are treating the reports very seriously," he added.

Son Sean, 21, said: "Mum swerved to miss a weird-looking thing in the road, and we stopped to have a look.

"Then we got scared and tried to get away. Mum was flooring it

along the highway when it came over us.

"There was a thump and it lifted the car off the road."

A passing lorry driver also said he was chased by a "bright glowing object."

Sergeant Furnell said: "Another report came in from the pilot of a tuna spotting plane flying over the Great Australian Bight.

"He saw the object over the sea and watched it sit above a trawler below it.

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By JOHN KAY

"The trawler crew have since told how they were disturbed by the bright light, came out on deck but could not speak properly."

Trawler

A UFO research centre in Adelaide said: "There was a similar incident involving a police officer in the U.S."

"In that case, the officer's car was also picked up and turned the other way."