

# Number of people reporting UFOs in Little River County

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FOREMAN — Strange things have been happening in the skies over Little River County.

Residents have been watching this week, hoping to catch a glimpse of one or more unidentified flying objects that have been reported in the area.

Sheriff Dallas Keller said Friday that his department had received at least 60 reports Tuesday and Wednesday nights of circular craft with extremely bright lights appearing in the skies between Ashdown and Foreman, which is near the Oklahoma and Texas borders. He said some observers reported that they had seen two of the UFOs flying together and then going off in different directions at great speed.

Rose Jones of Foreman said she saw a ball of light that was as big as a hay wagon at first, but which got smaller when as many as 100 people gathered to look at it. She said the object changed color from red to green to blue, and that it flew high into the sky from where she first saw it near ground level.

"It got under the moon and it looked just like a star up there until everyone went away, then it came back," Jones said. "When it was up off the ground, lights were flashing, and, like I said, you had to see it to believe it."

Jones said she had not seen any UFOs before Thursday, although members of her family had. She said people in the Foreman area had been seeing the strange lights in the sky since Christmas, but that most people who saw the objects kept quiet because they did

not want their friends and neighbors to think they were crazy.

Don Turnbull, manager of the air traffic control tower at Texarkana Regional Airport, said air traffic controllers had logged no unusual activity in the last several days.

Keller said crowds gathered Thursday night hoping to see the UFOs again, but that they saw only two military planes in a refueling operation. He said his department was investigating the sightings because there had been so many reports and because the people who reported the UFOs were certain they had seen something other than airplanes.

"There were people that were very serious-minded about what they had seen," Keller said. "These weren't the type of people that would try to pull a hoax."