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We were snatched by UFO, says family

The Associated Press

SYDNEY — A family in a car and the crew of a tuna boat reported nearly simultaneous encounters with an unidentified flying object and police said Thursday they are taking the reports seriously.

Faye Knowles and her sons Sean and Wayne were driving across the Nullarbor Plain in South Australia when their car was chased by an eggcup-shaped object. They said the car was plucked from the ground and left covered in ash.

"It apparently picked the car up off the road, shook it quite violently and forced the car back with such pressure that one of the tires was blown," said Sgt. Jim Furnell of Ceduna Police.

"While this was happening the family said their voices were distorted and it was as if they were talking in slow motion."

The fishing boat crew, about 50 kilometres away in the Great Australian Bight, said they also were buzzed by a UFO Wednesday morning, and their voices become unintelligible, too.

"We were a little bit skeptical at first," said Furnell. "But after investigating, we are treating the reports very seriously."

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SYDNEY — A woman who said a UFO picked up her car and tossed it to the ground on a lonely highway in the Australian outback may have lost control of the vehicle during a meteorite shower, Charles Morgan of the Sydney Observatory said Thursday.