

# UFO COPS FACE ROCKET

TWO young bobbies faced a close encounter with furious police chiefs yesterday for reporting that they'd seen a spaceship.

Constables Ian Walmsley and Chris Evans started a nationwide UFO alert by claiming that a glowing, spinning craft hovered above their patrol car during the early hours.

## Hundreds

But the officers were left wishing they could have been "beamed up" when the mystery was solved by staff at Manchester Airport.

Air traffic control chiefs

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said the alien craft was a British Airways Tri-Star from New York.

The plane was just beginning its descent. Those two officers were obviously sat under the flight path," said a spokesman.

"The plane has very

bright white lights on the undercarriage. It could be mistaken for a UFO. And it came in at exactly the time the officers thought they'd spotted a UFO."

Since the PC's report Manchester's police HQ and the airport have been bombarded by reports from UFO spotters.

But Pc Walmsley, who is based at Cheadle Hulme, Stockport, insisted yesterday there was no mistake.

He said: "I've seen hundreds of planes and this didn't look like one. I've never seen anything like it before."

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