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Strange Glowing Objects Chase Cars Causing Uproar In Two Arkansas Towns

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A week long display of strange glowing lights has plagued the residents of southwestern Arkansas and nearby towns in Oklahoma. Over one hundred eyewitnesses have observed the lights glow, pulsate, change colors, hover over houses, and chase cars. The unexplainable lights have been seen in Hope, Ashdown, and Foreman, Arkansas and Ida Bell, Oklahoma. The concentration of sightings has come from an area called Wallace between Foreman and Ashdown near an electrical sub station about a mile from the Red River.

The lights were first seen in Foreman on Tuesday night January 19th, at about 10:00 pm. Three young women were driving north along Hwy 41 when they saw an orange glowing light, "almost as big as the moon", rising up from behind the distant trees. The terrified women reported trying to escape the light that hovered beside their car as they drove up to 110 mph. Several other residents of the rural farming community reported seeing the lights hovering above their homes casting a bluish-green light into their houses.

Throughout the week the lights were seen by many residents in a wide area of southwestern Arkansas and southeastern Oklahoma. The reports were very similar. All the witnesses stated that the lights made no sound as they moved and hovered over several homes. They reported that when they looked up, the object was ill-defined in shape and appeared flat on the bottom. One woman in Hope said that she went into her yard and saw the the entire pasture illuminated but she could not see a source for the light. Another resident of Ashdown was driving toward Ashdown along Hwy 32 with his wife and eighteen year old daughter. The lights suddenly appeared in front of his car causing his headlights to go out. (Continued on page 3)

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A group of twenty-five people gathered in a field on Wednesday night where they observed the lights hover, change colors, and pulsate with red, green, blue, and yellow colors. The group watched the lights suddenly go out only to reappear at the same time about a mile away.

Several residents reported seeing a second smaller object come out from the larger light. One UFO researcher reported that as he was driving into Ashdown on Friday night from Texas, he saw a cluster of red and white lights that formed a parallelogram shape which he estimated to be traveling at a speed of around 200 mph. A local businessman contacted Barksdale Air Force base after seeing the lights and an Air Force spokesman stated that there had been refueling operations going on during the week but no other aircraft or helicopter activity in the area. The Air Force spokesman stated that the Air Force is looking into the sightings. But the businessman, a former Air Force navigator, said that the lights he observed could not have been weather balloons, planets, or jets refueling above. A local rancher and his wife and son observed a large object flying overhead. The object appeared to be as big as a 747 jet. The flying object suddenly stopped and hovered as a second smaller object came out from the first object and flew off in the opposite direction. The rancher and his wife reported that the flying objects made no sounds.

By Friday night over 500 people from surrounding towns and as far away as Dallas and Little Rock had congregated along the gravel road near the electric power sub station. The scene was reminiscent of the opening scenes of Close Encounters of the Third Kind. Camp fires were glowing all along the gravel road and there was a carnival atmosphere of expectation. On Saturday night the news crew from Channel 4 out of Little Rock came out to film the crowd. There were continued reports of sporadic sightings throughout the weekend. Investigators from MUFON (Mutual UFO Network), FLAME Foundation, and one independent researcher came to interview the residents. The Sheriff of Little River County, Dallas Keller, stated that although he had not seen the lights, "Many of these folks are upstanding members of the community and very credible witnesses. I believe them."