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Bright UFOs hovered near home, couple say

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CHESAPEAKE — As she prepared for bed Saturday night, Joyce Ogle looked out the window of her home on Peaceful Road. She has lived there six years and has looked out that window countless times.

This time, though, she saw something large and exceedingly bright, a glowing object in the western sky. It hovered just over the tree line. She shouted to her husband, Odie.

As he ran outside to look, Joyce Ogle called police.

The object was silent and still, similar to the nearer planets that glow so brightly in the spring sky, Odie Ogle said.

But this object seemed to give off a variety of colors — red, green, orange and

yellow. They were “like Christmas tree lights,” he said, and it appeared to have a canopy of white lights above it.

“All of a sudden, a second one rose up from behind the tree line,” Odie Ogle recalled. “It seemed to try to link up with the first one. They hovered together for a couple minutes. I ran in the house to get my wife.”

By the time the Ogles returned to their yard, the second object had disappeared. Only the first remained, silent and still.

They stood on their lawn, transfixed by the object that hovered over the woods, as they waited for police.

Officer J.A. Widdifield, a 16-year veteran of the Chesapeake Police Department, said he was skeptical when he received the call to investigate a UFO sighting about 10:15 p.m.

“In 16 years, I’ve had a fair number of these calls,” he said. “I figured it would turn out to be nothing.”

When he left the Ogles’ home about 11:30 p.m., he was less skeptical.

“I’ve seen a lot of phenomena, but nothing like this,” Widdifield said.

He also said the biggest difference between this UFO call and others to which he has responded in the past is that “these people are not kooks. They seem sane and sober. I was very impressed with them and their seriousness.”

No other sightings were reported to police. Officials at Naval Air Landing Field Fentress, Chesapeake Municipal Airport and Naval Security Group Northwest said they could not explain the sighting, which was not confirmed by pilots from any area airports or naval airfields.

When Widdifield arrived at the Ogles’ house, the Ogles had been joined by David Adair, a 15-year-old neighbor who watched with the couple for more than an hour.

Widdifield said he initially thought he was seeing a bright star.

“I still didn’t think it was much of anything, so I went in to call headquarters,” he said.

When he went back outside, the object had moved noticeably lower in the sky.

When he returned, the object was gone. The Ogles told him it had descended slowly behind the treeline, almost 90 minutes after it was sighted.

The Ogles were not upset by the sighting but remain curious.

“I think I may get a telescope and keep watching,” Odie Ogle said. “I’d like to see if we can’t figure out what this is.”