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UFO reported in Chesapeake

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CHESAPEAKE — "What's that big red thing up in the sky?" 3-year-old Abbey Pegram asked her mother and father as they drove down Bruce Road in Western Branch about 10:30 p.m. Monday.

"My husband said, 'That's a plane,' without really looking," Linda Pegram, 36, said Tuesday. "But I looked up and said, 'That's not a plane.'"

What Pegram saw was a huge orb hovering, seemingly motionless above houses, she said. "It had red lights in the front and blue lights in the back, and the middle seemed to be a fluorescent metal."

And when the orb began to move, the Pegrams followed it down Peppercorn Drive and Taylor Road to High Street West.

"It was headed toward the James River Bridge," Pegram said. "Then it disappeared instantly."

Less than a block away, police officer Robert Lunsford and a city utility worker said, they saw the same thing: the second UFO sighted in Chesapeake in less than two weeks.

On April 9, southern Chesapeake residents and another police officer said they watched, for more than an hour, an object in the sky glowing red, green, orange and yellow.

Air traffic controllers and air bases could not explain the glow.

Lunsford telephoned the Norfolk Naval Base, Langley Air Force Base, Norfolk International Airport, Portsmouth Police Department and several other agencies. No one could supply an answer, he said.

At 10:30 p.m. Monday, Tom Langston, a city utility worker, telephoned police to report that "something came from overhead with real bright lights and was blinding him," Lunsford said. Langston was working on a sewerage project on Darden and Columbia Streets several blocks from where the Pegrams spotted the object.

When Lunsford arrived at Taylor and Peppercorn, he saw what Langston had seen. It disappeared toward Suffolk, he said.

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