

Family in UFO green beam terror

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A TERRIFIED family told yesterday of their close encounter with a UFO.

Mechanic Tony Silvestri claimed a beam of brilliant green light lit up his car as he drove home.

"It was so bright I couldn't see through the windows," he said.

Mr. Silvestri, 36, had to stop and calm his frightened wife, Gwendoline, 33, and eight-year-old daughter Allana.

"I was stunned," he went on.

"It was just like a scene from Close Encounters of the Third Kind.

"We have never experienced anything like it before.

"The light was very intense and went on for several seconds. It was bright green, like a firework, and filled the car.

Last night Ministry of Defence chiefs were investigating the



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incident which happened as the Silvestris drove through the West Wales village of Felinfach.

Mr. Silvestri of Ciliau Aeron, near Aberaeron, Dyfed, said:

"At first I thought the car had an electrical fault.

"But when I checked there was nothing wrong. And I couldn't see anything outside which could have caused it.

"I was as sober as a judge and it certainly wasn't a case of being dazzled by another car's lights. It was too intense and the wrong colour.

"I told the RAF about it because I want to know what really happened. They promised to investigate—but if it really was something mysterious they wouldn't say, would they?"

His wife added: "Until now

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His wife added: "Until now we've had no time for UFO stories. We didn't really believe in them. But nothing like this ever happened to us before and we hope it won't again. We were terrified."

Mr. Silvestri was quizzed by Flight Sergeant David Pengilly, who said: "We like to get reports soon after an incident so immediate action can be taken to find out what it was.

"We don't like unidentified things in our airspace."

An MoD spokesman said: "We take all sightings seriously.

Sightings

"Investigations are carried out on UFO reports if it is considered there is a threat to the security of the UK."

Dr. Richard Lawrence of the Aetherius Society, whose members believe

there is life on other planets, said:

"If a beam of light is emitted from a UFO then there's a real possibility that extra terrestrials are on board."

And Jenny Rendles of UFO Investigators said: "This year we've had three times the usual number of sightings reported.

"There's more UFO activity being investigated this year than in the last 11 years."