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Fyffe Officials Fail To Identify UFO

FYFFE (AP) — Law enforcement officials turned out in force but once again were unable to identify a brightly lighted UFO that more than 100 northeast Alabama witnesses say can hover and speed out of sight silently.

Fyffe Fire Chief Ricky Dobbins said many UFO hunters filled highways and "parked in threes or fours on hills and clear spots" Wednesday night between Crossville and Rainville in DeKalb County after the most recent of a string of sightings was reported to Crossville police.

Chief Dobbins said mostly local people are searching every clear night for what is usually described as a craft that can hover, rise, lower, glide horizontally and speed out of sight — all without sound.

"It almost looks like a star from a distance, except for the different colored lights," Chief Dobbins said. "I just wish somebody would bring a telescope up here and tell us what it is."

Fyffe Police Chief Junior Garmany and Assistant Police Chief Fred Works first saw what is believed to be the same UFO near Fyffe on Feb. 17. Other sightings have been reported since then.

A group based in Arab has recorded accounts from residents who reported seeing UFOs, but no one has been able to explain the phenomenon. UFO watchers from around the Southeast are expected to converge on Fyffe Friday night. In all, about 100 people have reported seeing the object.

J.T. Turner of Rodentown telephoned radio dispatcher Connie Brothers of the Crossville police around 8 p.m. Wednesday.

"He said this object came right over his house," Ms. Brothers said. "It had lights on each end and one in the middle."

He said Crossville patrolman Chuck Priest and State Trooper Van Douglas spotted the "oblong lighted object" as it flew silently overhead on Alabama 227 between Crossville and Geraldine.

DeKalb County sheriff's deputy Dale Orr kept vigil in a parking, binoculars focused on one spot over Geraldine City Hall where the brightly lighted object hovered.

At one time Wednesday night, at least seven law officers waited at a cemetery on Alabama 227 where a sighting was reported.

Fyffe radio dispatcher Sheila Smith stayed on the phone 20 minutes with a friend, four miles away. Both women described in detail to each other what they saw in the sky, attempting to identify the object.

Ms. Smith said sightings were reported from at least 10 locations.

At 10 p.m. Wednesday, no aircraft was in the DeKalb area, said spokesmen with Huntsville Airport, Maxwell Air Force Base in Montgomery, Fort McClellan in Anniston and Air National Guard headquarters in Birmingham, Montgomery and Nashville.

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