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## 'Weird floating pyramid' in rescue video sparks UFO debate

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PORTSMOUTH — The truth is out there ... on Gosling Road.

On Dec. 9, 2009 a Bestway trash compactor fell over on its side while managing on Commerce Way, next to the Market Basket Plaza off Lafayette Road, trapping its driver inside. The truck struck a utility pole during the accident, causing it to snap in half and balance on top of the vehicle, while live wires spilled around it. With help from the Portsmouth Fire Department, a potentially deadly situation was averted as the driver was brought to safety. Herald Photographer Deb Cram caught the rescue on video, but did she also catch something else? Something out of this world?

[video of the rescue](#)

“What's with that weird floating pyramid!?!?” said NYC Pulp Hero.

“I doubt very seriously that :34 is cgi (computer-generated imagery),” added highhorse313.

“Seems fake,” said pidza21.

“Creepy!,” said Viperclan2.

“At 26 sec it appears that the driver is pointing in the direction of the triangle while he ... seems to be waiting to get down off the side of his truck,” noted greyhound58.

“Hum ... interesting indeed,” said softearth.

“Smells kind of like elaborate hoax (though),” said mechanism211. “I do wish it didn't.”

“I am not saying it is true. Always question it,” said Cosmic23voyager, “but the people of the masses are really ignorant (and will fight to preserve that ignorance) that ET (extra-terrestrial) could be there and people will say its some kid playing with a projector.”

It certainly wouldn't be the first time extra-terrestrial activity was documented in the Seacoast. Former Portsmouth residents Betty and Barney Hill were in the national spotlight for some time, as the first widely-publicized claim of an alien abduction in 1961, which was later turned into a book and television movie. Since then, other claims have surfaced about paranormal activity in the Seacoast.

Shortly the video was posted on Dec. 9, it was linked to paranormal Web sites and blogs and was apparently reported to the Mutual UFO Network (MUFON). In the “related videos” portion of the YouTube page are a number of videos of similar floating triangles or pyramids filmed in locations throughout the country.

When asked about the anomaly, Mayor Tom Ferrini laughed and said “That's classified and I'm not at liberty to disclose that at this time.”

While the triangle appears to be floating behind the building at 135 Commerce Way in the video, it is in fact the pitch of the roof of the wood chip storage shed at Public Service of New Hampshire's Schiller Station, located off Gosling Road, in the distance. The overcast sky on Dec. 9 hid the roof, as well as the concrete wall at the power plant, creating the illusion of a floating dark triangle.

“I'm not aware of anything that occurred on the scene that was paranormal, nor did I hear of anything like that happening,” said Assistant Fire Chief Steve Achilles, who was at the scene and spoke in the video. “But I cannot confirm nor deny that there is life on other planets.”

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