

5 Witnesses Pass Lie Test While Claiming . . .

Arizona Man Captured by UFO

In one of the most baffling cases ever recorded, a young laborer was taken aboard a UFO — in full view of six terrified co-workers — and held for five days.

The stunned witnesses readily agreed to take lie-detector tests. Five passed, proving they were telling the truth. The sixth was so nervous that the results of his test were inconclusive.

The abducted man, 22-year-old Travis Walton of Snowflake, Ariz., suddenly disappeared when struck by a dazzling ray from the strange hovering, saucer-shaped object, his fellow workers told police and *The ENQUIRER*.

In gripping detail, the witnesses described the chilling incident:

Dwayne Smith, 21: "It was a spaceship, there's no doubt of that — and Travis went on it. He got out of our truck, walked toward it — and just vanished!"

Kenneth Peterson, 25: "I saw a bluish light come from the machine and Travis went flying — like he'd touched a hot wire."

Alan Dalis, 21: "It sent out a blue ray, and the last we saw of Travis was his silhouette outlined, arms outstretched. We couldn't believe what was happening — the horror was unreal!"

Mike Rogers, 28: "We were all scared! We couldn't think of any other explanation except that Travis had been taken off by the saucer."

John Goulette, 21: "I know what I saw — and it wasn't anything from this earth!"

Steve Pierce, aged 17, of Snowflake said: "I was just as frightened as the others when we saw the UFO."

"It hovered, rocking slightly, just 25 yards away from us and emitted this yellow light."

And Navajo County (Ariz.) Sheriff Marlin Gillespie stated: "The results of the polygraph examinations show there's no doubt they're telling the truth — right down the line."

"I thought at first there was a very good possibility it was a hoax — but not now. I've been in law enforcement over 18 years and I've never known anything like this. I feel sure that all 6 of them saw a UFO."

Dr. James Harder, professor of engineering at the University of California was elated: "This is the first abduction I know of that was witnessed by other people."

Walton abruptly turned up five days after his disappearance — dehydrated, bewildered and with a curious puncture mark on his right arm.

"I remember waking up on a road about eight miles from where I was picked up by the saucer," the stunned man told *The ENQUIRER*. "It was near the town of Heber."

"I ran into town as fast as my legs would carry me. I was terrified."

"I rushed into the first phone booth I came to and called my mother, who sent my brother Duane to pick me up. On the way to my mother's home, I told Duane what had happened . . . and to my relief, he believed me."

Walton had disappeared Nov. 5 as he and a crew of

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SKETCH of hovering UFO drawn by Mike Rogers and Dwayne Smith.

tree trimmers were heading home at dusk along an isolated mountain road. Crew member Dwayne Smith said they were about 12 miles from Heber when they suddenly spotted the saucer hovering in a clearing beside the road.

"I was numb with disbelief — and terrified!" said Smith. "The UFO was smooth, and was giving off a yellowish-orange light."

"We watched it in shock a few seconds, then suddenly Travis jumped out of our truck and started walking toward the saucer. We all shouted: 'Get back, you fool!' But he just kept going."

"He walked beneath the saucer — then a blue ray shot down from the saucer and he

just vanished! Mike Rogers, who was driving the truck, screamed 'Shut the door!' and gunned past the saucer."

"When we could see the saucer wasn't following us, Mike stopped the truck and we all got out, shouting and screaming at each other with fear in our faces and terror in our hearts. Then we saw a flash in the trees, and figured the saucer was leaving."

"We went back to the spot where the saucer had been . . . but Travis was gone. He went on the spaceship, there's no doubt of that."

"We went and reported what had happened. We didn't expect anyone to believe us, and nobody did — until we took lie detector tests."

Because Walton wasn't able to recall all the details of his amazing experience, *The ENQUIRER* arranged for him to be interviewed under hypnosis by Dr. Harder, a member of *The ENQUIRER's* prestigious Blue Ribbon Panel on UFOs.

The hypnotic session was witnessed by three Phoenix physicians, Drs. Robert Ganellin, Joseph Saltz and Howard Kandell, as well as psychiatrist Dr. Jean Rosenbaum.

Under hypnosis, Walton told



MAP shows the area where, witnesses say, Travis Walton was taken aboard a flying saucer.



EYEWITNESSES: Left to right are Dwayne Smith, Kenneth Peterson, Alan Dalis, Mike Rogers and John Goulette. All say that they saw Walton walk toward a flying saucer and vanish.



EXPERTS QUIZ abducted man, Travis Walton (center). At left is Dr. Jean Rosenbaum, at right Dr. James Harder.

Dr. Harder that as he approached the craft for a closer look, he was hit by something and suddenly everything went black.

"When I woke up, there was a strong light in my eyes and I had problems focusing. I was panicked because there was a terrible pain in my head and chest," he told Dr. Harder.

"My mind cleared a little and I thought I was in a hospital. I was lying on a table on my back, and these figures were standing over me."

"It was weird. They weren't human — they were creatures."

"They looked like well-developed fetuses to me — they were about 5 feet tall and wore tight-fitting tan-brown robes. Their skin was white like a mushroom and they had no clear features. They made no sounds."

"Their faces had no texture or color, and there was no hair. Their foreheads were domed and their eyes were very large. They had long fingers — but no fingernails."

"I panicked and jumped up, knocking a clear plastic tray that was lying on my chest to the floor. I grabbed a transparent tube and tried to smash it, to use it as a weapon. But it wouldn't break."

Dr. Harder said Walton was knocked out again — and when he awoke he was lying on the pavement about a quarter of a mile from Heber.

"Travis said he remembers seeing the craft take off into the sky," the scientist said.

Dr. Harder, who spent eight hours interviewing Walton and another three hours talking to the witnesses, told *The ENQUIRER* that "after considering all the known facts" he's convinced Walton was taken aboard an alien craft.

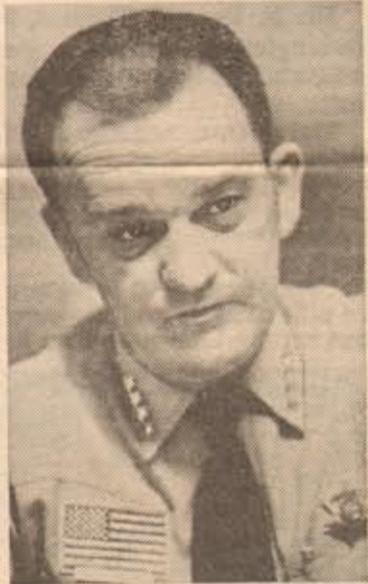
"This is supported by Travis' description of the creatures, which exactly matches a description given in another, unpublicized UFO encounter a few hundred miles away three months earlier," he said. "My conclusion is that we must add this case to the dozen or more cases of reported abductions."

Details of the other UFO encounter to which Dr. Harder referred were revealed to *The ENQUIRER* by Jim Lorenzen, head of the Aerial Phenomena Research Organization.

"It happened in New Mexico," said Lorenzen. "A man

was out alone on the desert watching a meteor shower when a saucer-shaped craft suddenly dropped out of the sky near him."

"The man later said he remembered be-



SHERIFF Marlin Gillespie: "I'm sure they saw UFO."

ing aboard the craft — and his description of the creatures he saw fitted the description given by Walton.

"There's been no publicity about this case because the man feels it would jeopardize his job to discuss it."

Dr. Jean Rosenbaum, a psychiatrist, was asked by *The ENQUIRER* to interview Walton and evaluate his story.

"As a result of extensive examinations, I concluded that the boy was not lying," declared Dr. Rosenbaum, chairman of the Southwest Psychoanalytic Assn.

"There was no hoax involved. He really believes he was abducted by a UFO."

"But my evaluation of the boy's story is that although he believes this is what happened, it was all in his own mind. I feel he suffered from a combination of imagination and amnesia — that he did not go on a UFO, but simply was wandering around during the period of his disappearance."

"But I'm unable to account for five witnesses having the same story and passing the lie-detector tests."

Dr. Howard Kandell, who examined Walton 15 hours after his reappearance, expressed doubt that the young man had simply been wandering around.

"Although he lost weight from water evaporation, he was obviously well-nourished when he was brought to my office," said the physician.

"A sample of urine I tested supported this fact. Also, his condition was not that of a man who'd been wandering about the woods for 5 days."

"And there was a small puncture wound on the inside of his right arm — the kind you get from a blood test. But he said that nobody had stuck a needle in his arm."

"The entire thing is very puzzling."