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Two awe-struck policemen pursued an oval-shaped UFO across three miles of suburban Los Angeles at breakneck speed recently — only to lose it when they ran into a dead-end street.

... Glowing Oval-Shaped Object Hovers Over City — Then Races Off at an 'Unbelievable' Speed

As the strange craft darted out of sight, Officer C.C. Smith snapped a picture of it from inside his cruiser — but a forgotten flashcube on the camera caused a glare on the windshield which obscured most of the photograph.

"It was unbelievable!" said Smith's partner, Officer John Wynkoop. "As for flying saucers, we'll agree that anything is possible — now."

The sighting took place last November 12 while the officers were working the night watch. A dispatcher had directed them to East Los Angeles to investigate reports of unidentified flying objects there.

"We didn't really think we'd find anything except a bunch of people swearing they'd seen a flying saucer, which would probably turn out to be a searchlight beam reflected off a cloud," said Wynkoop, 28. "There have been many such cases in the past, and we knew the guys at the station would rib us about this call."

The policemen found nothing at first, and were preparing to report that fact when suddenly, at 9:45 p.m., the UFO appeared above them.

"What in God's name is that?" Wynkoop blurted. Smith, too startled to speak, simply stared in disbelief.

"We immediately called the station and gave a description of the object,"

recalled Smith, 29. "I remember it vividly — the object was oval, with no portholes or visible markings. And it was glowing like a mercury vapor lamp — the light was so bright that it had a bluish tint. The UFO was dropping slowly at about a 45-degree angle as we moved toward it. Suddenly it began climbing."

Wynkoop, who was driving, said he pursued the weird object at speeds of over 70 miles an hour.

"Just as we caught up with it, an amazing thing happened," he said. "The UFO literally stopped in midair, hovered, and then shot straight up at unbelievable speed."

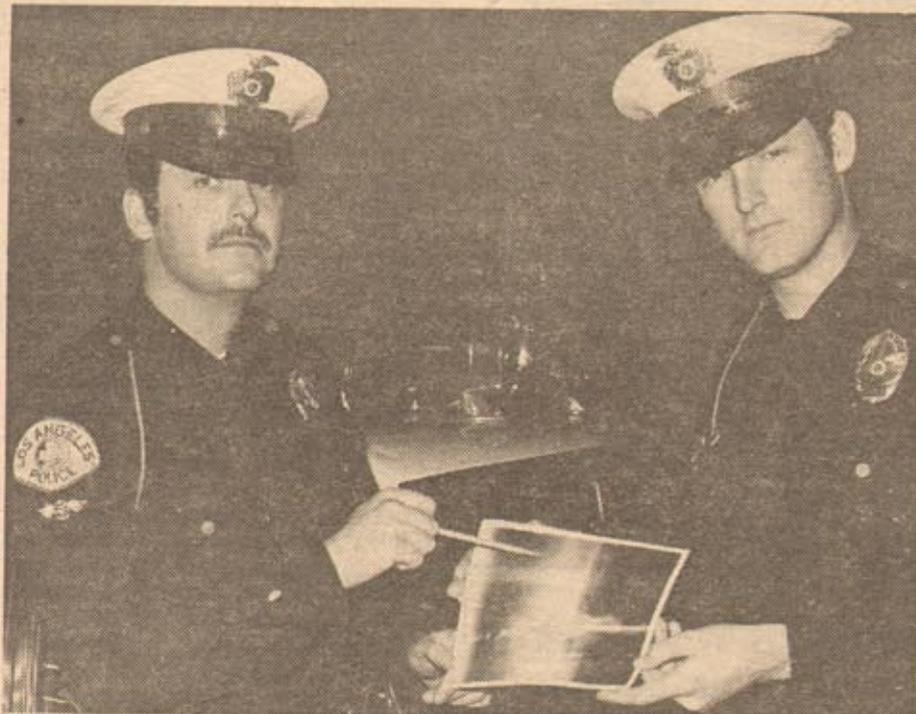
Smith added: "I can't put into words how fast it moved. Then it raced off to the southwest."

The policemen chased after the UFO until a dead-end street forced them to halt. "As it disappeared, it began to dawn on us that we had just witnessed something amazing," said Wynkoop.

The UFO also was seen by retired police lieutenant Sam Chitjian. "It was a big, brilliant, glossy white object and moving very fast," he told *The ENQUIRER*. "After 10 seconds, it dropped from view. Then I suddenly saw it again, shooting upward, and soon it was out of sight."

Smith and Wynkoop were interview-

Los Angeles Policemen Chase UFO for 3 Miles



GAVE CHASE: Police officers John Wynkoop (left) and C.C. Smith with photograph of UFO that was taken by officer Smith.

ed that night by Peter Guttilla, a top investigator for the California UFO Institute, whose members — mostly aerospace engineers — investigate odd aerial phenomena.

"They were obviously shaken by their experience," Guttilla told *The ENQUIRER*. "I checked out every

part of their report and I'm sure that the officers saw a flying machine which was under some form of intelligent control.

"Both officers are sincere and responsible men and are unshakable in their descriptions of what they saw that night."