

N.J. Patrolman: Enormous, Brilliant UFO Shot in From Ocean — So Close It Could Have Swallowed Me Up

... 20 Policemen Confirm Sighting

An enormous, brilliantly glowing object shot in from the ocean sky so close to the shoreline at Atlantic City, N.J., that a police officer on the beach said: "It could have swallowed me up."

So threatening was the bizarre object that Patrolman Frank Ingargiola, 28, a policeman for 5 years, said: "I immediately backed my car up a ramp and off the beach."

But he and a passenger in the car, newspaper columnist Sonny Schwartz of the Atlantic City Press, say the strange object stayed visible for at least 20 minutes afterward — and Ingargiola said that at least 20 other policemen saw it.

Ingargiola had driven onto the beach at about 5:10 a.m. on January 20, after he and Schwartz, whom he was giving a lift home, spotted the bright light, then about a mile offshore and above the ocean.

"All of a sudden the object came straight in toward us," said Ingargiola, a member of the police of Ventnor, a community adjoining Atlantic City. "That's when I backed up."

The policeman, a Navy veteran, said emphatically: "I've been on a good many midnight watches at sea. I was trained to identify different shapes at night.

"I've never seen anything like this before.

"It came in very, very close, just above the breakers, about 500 feet from the car. It was so huge it seemed to fill the



UFO was sighted for 20 minutes a few hundred feet from shoreline at Ventnor, near Atlantic City, N.J.

whole windshield. I couldn't see anything else.

"It had a very bright white light in its center, with a yellowish haze around it twice the size of the light.

"When it got close, you could see three small reddish-orange points in it, in the shape of a triangle.

"But, unfortunately, we did not have a camera with us for a picture of it."

Newspaperman Schwartz, 35, said: "It was enormous. I couldn't believe any light could be so bright. As we looked, we became transfixed by it."

Meanwhile, Ingargiola had

radioed the Atlantic City police and asked them to send officers to verify the phenomenon, and some 20 policemen saw it before it finally disappeared, said Ingargiola. Two of them were Patrolman Daniel Conner and his partner, Patrolman Daniel Wilhelmy. "The light seemed to get dimmer and then brighter as we watched," said Conner. "We checked for helicopters, but there weren't any up that night."

Patrolman Henry Madanda also saw the mysterious object. "It appeared to be a glowing light out over the ocean. As I gazed at it, suddenly it just disappeared in front of my eyes. I was shocked!"

Earlier the same night, residents of two nearby towns also saw brightly colored objects in the sky. Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Tomlin of Heislerville, 30 miles from Atlantic City,



SCENE OF SIGHTING: Witnesses Patrolman Frank Ingargiola and newspaper columnist Sonny Schwartz show sketch of UFO they both saw at Ventnor, N.J.

reported seeing "two enormous bright lights, like headlights," only 300 yards away and over some trees, at about 7:30 p.m. on January 19. The lights were visible for 5 to 7 minutes, they said. At about 8 p.m., in Dorothy, N.J., 15

miles away, Mrs. Charles Morris said she saw "a very brilliant red light, the most brilliant shade of red I've ever seen.

"I was really overawed by the thing."

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Just a Kid!

All day 3-year-old Diane had heard her 5-year-old sister, Barbara say: "Because I'm older."

"I can color better because I'm older . . . I can draw better because I'm older." And so on.

Finally, at bedtime, when Barbara said, "I'm all worn out," little Diane shot back: "I'm not — because I'm NEWER!"

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