

UFO Sighted in Ohio by Police Officers and Dozens Of Residents

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Dozens of north central Ohio residents, including two police officers, have reported sighting a low-flying Unidentified Flying Object (UFO).

A Huron County Sheriff Dept. report said Sgt. Jim Robertson, a deputy sheriff, and Harvey Calahan, a state highway patrolman, saw the UFO shortly after 9 p.m. while on patrols in the county.

Sgt. Robertson reported that the UFO was flying low in a northeasterly direction when he spotted it while patrolling a county road.

In another part of the county, Ptl. Calahan reported he was covering an accident when he saw "something strange flying very low with flashing lights."

At his Greenwich home, Sgt. Robertson told The ENQUIRER that he first thought he was seeing a low-flying jet airliner trying to make a forced landing. "But when it continued, I had second thoughts," he said.

Capt. John L. Warner of the sheriff's office said he and Deputy Hank Tappel received dozens of reports from other witnesses in their Norwalk office shortly after 9 p.m. on January 22.

"Dozens of people saw it. All these people — including the two police officers I know and work with — are a pretty sound sort. There is no doubt that they saw something that was so unusual they took the trouble to report it to the police.

"These people did not even know each other and were in different places when they sighted the object," Capt. Warner said.

Richard Williams, who first reported the UFO to police in Willard, Ohio, and his wife, Sharon, were driving from Willard to their home in Greenwich at approximately 9 p.m.

"All of a sudden it was there," Williams, 18, a welder, said. "It had been traveling from east to west and then it stopped in mid-air, about 100 feet up, just in front of me. It was



WITNESS: Richard Williams points to area of sky where he first saw UFO while driving home with his wife.

shaped like a gigantic football, with a sort of tail beneath it and with a lighted, transparent dome on top.

"At the sides were red and white lights flashing and the lights in the dome kept getting slightly blocked — as though someone were moving about inside . . . something seemed to be moving in front of the source of the light.

"There was no noise, and it was about three-fourths the size of a Boeing 747. It seemed to hang there like a great big, illuminated football for about five minutes.

"When I first saw it, I flashed my auto lights repeatedly. After staying still for a while, it seemed to go in a circle right around me," Williams explained to The ENQUIRER.

At approximately the same time, several miles away, 18-year-old Dorothy Goble of Tiro spotted what she called a "crazy flying school bus in the sky" while in the company of about a dozen friends.

"I thought it was a big school bus because it was square-shaped, like a big



POLICE: Capt. Warner (left) and Deputy Tappel received reports.

box. It had red and yellow flashing lights at both ends. It was about 200 to 300 feet above us and seemed to circle and then went away," she told an ENQUIRER reporter. "It either flew away or turned the lights out."

John Nester, 20, of Plymouth, Ohio, a member of the same group, told The ENQUIRER: "I looked up and saw this strange thing in the sky. At first, I thought it was a great big helicopter and didn't think much of it. I would say it was up to 300 feet high. It had flashing lights — one set was red, but I'm not sure about the others.

"It moved very slowly and went away. I never did believe in these things, but I've changed my mind since I saw this weird, cigar-shaped thing.

"It could not have been a plane," he said. "It was the wrong shape and moved too slowly. And I wasn't seeing things. Something was there but I don't know what."

Dorothy Goble said some of her friends laughed, but others, like Nester and 16-year-old Vickie Reed, also of Tiro, did not.

Vickie said she also thought the object looked "like a bus in the sky." She estimated its height at about 100

and white. She said she saw the UFO again several hours later while standing alone on the front porch of Dorothy's home.

Another of Dorothy's friends, Rose Schaffer, was frightened by what she saw. "She was too scared to look after the first sighting," Dorothy told an ENQUIRER reporter.

Three witnesses at three different locations — Richard Williams, Sgt. Robertson and Ptl. Calahan — also said they thought they saw the UFO being chased by jet aircraft. The officers said they saw what appeared to be two military jets in apparent pursuit of the UFO some minutes after each first sighted the object.

But in a letter to Capt. Warner, Keith Muir, chief of the Federal Aviation Administration's (FAA) Cleveland Center, said: "There were no low-level military missions operating during the evening of January 22."

Wright-Patterson Air Force Base also denied having jets operating in the area. A spokesman for the Dayton, Ohio, air base told the ENQUIRER: "We know nothing about jets chasing it (the UFO), and they certainly were not from here."

Capt. Warner told an ENQUIRER reporter: "My efforts to discover what it was seem to have reached a dead end. I hope someone reads your article and comes up with an explanation."



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