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Denver Area Police Sightings (2/3+4/74)

Three Jefferson County sheriff's officers reported sighting UFOs on two occasions, on Sunday the 3rd, and again on Monday the 4th. As has been the case with the recent spate of reports by law enforcement officers, the three reliable witnesses have been unable to explain and identify the mysterious objects.

Deputy Ken Fitzpatrick reported sighting a UFO at about 2 A.M. Sunday while on duty on U.S. 285, about 25 miles southwest of Denver.

"I estimated that it was about 5,000 feet in the air. It had a sequence of six or seven white lights. In between the white lights were red and green lights. It was about the size of three jumbo jets."

Fitzpatrick said that the sky was clear and he doubted the lights were reflections from clouds. He observed the UFO for about two or three minutes "then it just wasn't there. It didn't go up and it didn't come down - it just wasn't there anymore." He said that the sheriff's department received several calls about the mysterious early morning visitor.

Deputy Tom Bobay and patrolman Joe Cope reported sighting a similar object early the next day in the Lakehurst area of Denver.

Bobay was on patrol when he received a call to check with Cope at his home in Lakehurst. When Bobay arrived, Cope pointed out the object, which was a great distance from Cope's home. "Cope gave me a pair of binoculars, and I looked at it," Bobay said. "There were numerous lights - red, bluish greens, amber and pure whites. We watched it for about 35 minutes - we could tell it wasn't an airplane or helicopter. Then it slowly disappeared into the west," Bobay reported.

From the report made by Bobay and Cope, and the similar description of the UFO they sighted, Fitzpatrick believes that it was the same object that he sighted, back for another visit to the area.

Seven Objects Sighted over Hattiesburg, Miss. (2/19/74)

Seven UFOs, described as about the size of a small house, were sighted by more than twelve persons in Forrest County that evening. Harold Stanton, an employee of WDAM-TV, said several persons in cars followed five orange and two blue UFOs as they "hop-scotched to three

open fields." He said the objects darted toward the ground and then back into the sky. "It also appeared that they were flying in pairs and some sort of formation," he said.

Stanton described the objects as about the size of a small house. He said, however, "a glow of variable intensity was emitted, making it impossible to determine the exact size."

Lynn Fairchild, a telephone operator, and a university professor corroborated Stanton's account. The professor wishes not to be identified at this time, however.

Rochester, Minn. Visited by "Truck Size" UFO (2/19/74)

A UFO "bigger than a wrecker truck" and spewing flames buzzed northwest Rochester, Minn. before disappearing, of all places, near the old city dumping area. Among those persons reporting the strange object was a Rochester policeman and a service station operator, UFO MAGAZINE has learned.

Patrolman James Preiss, driving a squad car, and James Kuhlman, who runs a Clark service station and who was driving his tow truck, pursued the UFO along Elton Hills streets until losing sight of it as it neared the old city dump.

"I was really terrified when I first saw it," Kuhlman said. He said that it was about 11:25 P.M. when he was driving past the Hillcrest Shopping Center when he saw the object in the sky, "flying at about 100 feet, towards me." Kuhlman said that he then pulled his car into the shopping center and parked. "It scared the hell out of me," he said.

Kuhlman described the UFO as bigger than a wrecker truck with a "kind of white dome shell on top." He said it seemed to be powered by what looked like several small afterburners flaming toward the ground from the bottom of the object.

"It cruised slowly right over my head in a northeasterly direction," said Kuhlman, who gave chase in his truck. He was joined in the pursuit by patrolman Preiss, who spotted it as he drove north on U.S. 52. He turned east at the 19th Street NW exit to follow the object into Elton Hills.

"Whatever it was, it was seen to have flames coming from it," Preiss reported.

Kuhlman, who has a citizens' band radio in his truck, said he heard chatter on his radio from Elton Hills residents who were talking about the strange object. Kuhlman stated that he and Preiss stopped to compare notes about the UFO to make sure they had seen the same thing. A second police car was sent to help search for the UFO, but it had vanished.

The control tower at Rochester Municipal Airport said nothing strange was seen in the sky at the time, and that no radar contact was made.

Terror on a Nevada Desert Road (2/14/74)

As we were in the process of preparing this issue for the press, we were surprised to read the following account which was sent to us by a correspondent in California. The letter was published in the Santa Anna Register of March 27, 1974. Commentary is by Robert Klinn...

"I read an account of a UFO sighting in the Register on March 13, 1974. It was similar to a sighting that my brother and I had in the Nevada desert on February 14, 1974. We left Buhl, Idaho with a load of furniture in a 12-foot U-Haul truck.

"Later on in the desert outside of McGill, Nevada we were driving when my brother gestured and told me to look. I looked out of the left side of the truck and observed a round, orange object that appeared to be 10 feet off the desert floor. I couldn't tell how big it was or how far away it was.

"I then looked out the right side of the cab and saw three more smaller objects that were higher up and were blue. One of them was flickering off and on; the other two remained constant.

"My brother said the orange object had been on the right side of the truck and had passed us and crossed over the road in front of us and had come up to the left side of the cab.

"We were moving at about 55 miles-per-hour, and at that moment it felt like we had been hit by a blast of wind or force field. The lights on the truck flickered on and off and the engine started to miss.

"Then he lost control of the truck and couldn't steer it. I told him to stop, and then before we could stop, the transmission selector jumped out of 'drive' into 'neutral', and we coasted to a stop in the middle of the road. Up to that point I wasn't very scared yet.

"As we sat there in the road with the motor running, we observed a huge silver metal ball with a dome on top and sharp wings, standing still over a hill to the left. It was pulsating.

"We then were scared half to death as we observed a huge light on the road in front of us that had a red light on top of it. We thought it was moving toward us. It appeared to be maybe a mile ahead of us. I got out of the truck and shined my flashlight at it, but nothing happened. I then looked under the truck to discover the drive shaft turning.

"Fearing for my life, I got back into the truck, and we both kept watching the light move closer. We felt that we were in a vacuum of some kind and isolated from the rest of the world. (They had the feeling 'nobody could help', the witness subsequently told us) This experience lasted approximately 20 minutes. Then it seemed to disappear and it was over.

"Just then a car or whatever it was zoomed past us so fast we couldn't tell what it was. It was all over. I got out and put reflectors on the road to avoid an accident, and tried to flag down a car. We finally stopped someone and they took us into McGill, which is 10 miles north of Ely.

"We got another U-Haul truck and the station owner drove us back out to where we had stopped. We didn't say anything to him, for we thought he might have laughed. After we unloaded the truck, he had to shove it off the highway, as the back wheels would not move."

Monday, the brother who wrote the letter told us that when the truck had been hit by the blast of air, he felt that the truck was lifted off the ground. "It was floating slightly off the highway in the air," he said. "None of the wheels were touching the highway." When the transmission selector skipped into "neutral", the truck swayed in the air, he said, and the vehicle came smoothly to a stop without skidding.

Lewis Sandberg, owner of the Walker-Texaco Service, outlet for U-Haul in Ely, informed us that the entire rear end of the witnesses' U-Haul truck had to be replaced - the tires, the rear axle, the outside housing, and the gears, "which were all messed up."

"The rear end was beyond repair," Sandberg said. "The back axle was twisted right off."

Sandberg said that after the brothers continued on their journey with the replacement truck, Sandberg and a helper took a tow truck to the disabled vehicle.

"When our tow truck lifted up the back of the truck," Sandberg said, "the rear wheels just fell right off! Those men stopped that truck just in time."

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Plans have just been announced regarding the "Mysticon I" convention, which will take place in late May of 1975. Mysticon will feature speakers on not only UFOs, but the occult sciences as well as science fiction fandom. Cleveland, Ohio has been chosen as the first Mysticon site, and details are now being worked out as to name speakers, films and agenda. Watch these pages for future details!

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