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# UFO IS BLAMED FOR SNIPPY'S DEATH

DENVER, Monday (AAP). — An autopsy on a three-year-old horse, named Snippy, believed by its owner to have been killed by inhabitants of a flying saucer, revealed that its abdominal, brain and spinal cavities were empty.

A prominent Denver pathologist and blood specialist said yesterday the absence of organs in the abdominal cavity was a mystery. There were no signs of entrance into the horse's body, he said.

When the pathologist

cut into the horse's brain cavity he found it completely empty. "There definitely should have been a good bit of fluid in the brain cavity", he said.

Most puzzling was the absence of any material in the centre of the spinal column.

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County authorities at Alamosa, where Snippy died, said the horse had been hit by lightning. But the pathologist said, "This horse was definitely not hit by lightning".

## Flesh stripped from neck

The mystery of Snippy's death began on September 7 when he did not return to the Harry King ranch for his usual evening drink.

The ranch is set in desolate mountain country. Two days later Mr King found Snippy dead about 400 yards from the ranch house. All the flesh had been stripped from the horse's neck and only bare bones remained.

Mr King said the cut where the neck flesh had been peeled up from the withers was so perfect it could not have been made with a knife.

Mr King and the owner

Mr King and the owners of the horse, Mr and Mrs Burl Lewis, investigated the area in which the horse had been killed.

They found areas 15 feet in diameter where the brush had been squashed to within 10 inches of the ground. What appeared to be 15 circular exhaust marks were found 100 yards from the horse. Another area, where a flying saucer was believed to have landed, was punched with six identical holes, each two inches wide and four inches deep.

### **Geiger counter readings**

Later a geiger counter showed high readings all around the area where the unidentified flying objects were believed to have landed.

The mystery has brought

and her family saw in December 1966.

The man told her he didn't have any "earth money" with him, but would return in October. She said he drove away in a car bearing Arizona licence plates.

tales of other strange happenings in Colorado.

A painter, Mrs Charles Blundell, who operates a gift and souvenir shop in south-western Colorado, said a pallid, slightly-built man of about 35 came to her shop about four months ago and tried to buy her painting of a blue, crescent-shaped UFO she and her family saw in De-