

'Monster' sheds a skin

NEW CANTON, Illinois, Sunday (AAP). — Part of the Missouri monster legend has come unstuck, or unzipped, Illinois State Police disclosed yesterday.

In a wooded area around New Canton, about 18 miles north-east of Louisiana, where "Momo" first surfaced to terrify local residents, police searchers discovered a discarded costume with a dragon-like body, a frog-like head and bulging eyes.

The monster, which first appeared on July 11, was described as a creature from outer space by one specialist in unidentified flying objects. Another man in Louisiana said the monster fitted the description of his daughter's boyfriend.

State police did not speculate on whether the costume belonged to the "monster".