

ONE UFO DOWNED

One of Lae's Unidentified Flying Object mysteries has been solved.

A dangerous poison, sodium arsenate, was responsible for the dying bushes and grass near the home of Mr Arthur Strachan in Sturt St.

A motorist reported seeing a 400 lb drum of the poison fall from the back of a truck and break open at the corner of Milfordhaven and Markham roads on Thursday afternoon.

The man said about two-thirds of the white powder spilled across the road and was waft-

ed across the grass by the wind from passing cars.

He said he was shocked to see policemen and the truck driver standing in a cloud of the poison, which could have caus-

which could have caused them serious injury.

Firemen washed the powder from the roadway with hoses — killing plants nearby.

The poison is used by timber companies for preparing a spray to kill termites and other insects in wood.