

DESERT UFO PUZZLE

Police check attack claim

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A FAMILY'S claim that they encountered a UFO as they crossed the Nullarbor Plain early yesterday is being taken seriously by authorities. A woman in her 40s and her three adult sons claim an oval-shaped object appeared on top of a hill at about 10.30 am. They drove it to the road and discovered it with ash before firing shots.

Police said there was physical evidence of the UFO struck and at least one independent witness. A truck driver has also claimed to have been followed by the object.

The family involved are considered by police to be reliable witnesses.

It looks authentic — Const. Kenyon, who's a sergeant, said last night.

The family involved in the incident are expected to travel to Adelaide to be interviewed by scientists in a UFO research centre. Their car will also be examined.

They have drawn a diagram of the UFO, which they say was an orange coloured egg-shaped object.

Sgt Jim Furnell of the 90th Air unit of the 8th WA Border, told the Sun last night, the incident happened about 5.30 am.

At 8.30 am Melbourne times. The family was driving from Perth to Melbourne along the Eyre Highway in his Ford Transit.

Sgt Furnell said they were near Australind, in



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● A sketch of the UFO drawn by the Knowles family soon after the incident in which they claim they saw an egg-shaped object on the Nullarbor Plain.

south-east WA, when the drama started.

"They saw a light object following a truck going west along the highway, then it turned around and caught up with the '70-ster," he said.

"It landed on the roof, picked the car up, shook it violently," he said.

back on to the road and blew a tyre.

"I observed it with ash on the roof and the interior through the open windows. The occupants appeared to hide in the seats. They watched the object hover around in mid-air for some three minutes before it disappeared."

Sgt Fred Langley, also of Ceduna, last night was pondering how to file his official report. He thought

he might just have to set the for "incident on the Nullarbor Highway."

Sgt Langley said he had taken other UFO reports but none like the one given to him yesterday by the Knowles family.

He said he was normally sceptical but was keeping an open mind.