

# UFO 'dust' mystery

By GRAEME WALKER  
 THE dust covering the car involved in the Nullabor UFO "encounter" has an unknown substance, police said yesterday.

And as the puzzle deepened, more people claimed yesterday to have seen the object a Perth family say attacked them near the SA-WA border on Wednesday.

Forensic police were quoted in Adelaide as saying the substance allegedly deposited on and inside the car was not ash.

And the crew of a tuna boat fishing about 300 km off the SA coast were among a number of people credited with independent sightings of a UFO matching the description of the "or nasty."

A tuna boat Empress Lacy, from the Australian Southern Bluefin fleet, reported a bright light hovering overhead around the same time the Knowles family claim they were attacked.

And Sgt Jim Furnell, of Ceduna, in the far west of South Australia, said police had had calls from two other people claiming to have seen a light in the past week, but had been reluctant to report it for fear of ridicule.

Police had also had another report from a motorist in WA, he said.

But other police believe the UFO sighting, by Perth woman Mrs Faye Knowles and her sons Patrick, 24, Sean, 21, and Wayne, 18, may yet turn out to be a gigantic hoax.

And an Australian Southern Bluefin fleet spokesman said details of the tuna boat sighting had been exaggerated.

Chief Insp Barry Willoughby, of Port Lincoln, said the desert sighting was in the same area of WA where the "Nullabor Nymph" created a worldwide sensation about 30 years ago.

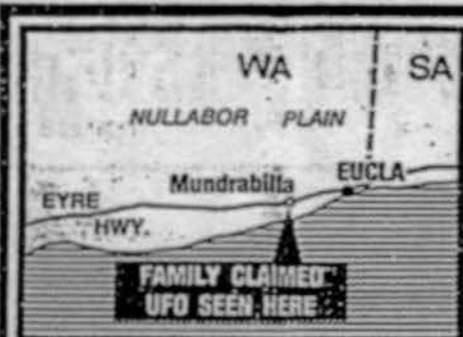
Police at Eucla said they had been out on the highway but were unable to find the spot where the encounter allegedly happened.

But Mrs Faye Knowles and her three sons were still insisting last night that their experience was real.

They told last night how they endured nearly two hours of terror in a desperate bid to flee what they are convinced was a UFO.

Still recovering from what they claim was a horrifying encounter, the family appeared distressed and shaken in an exclusive interview on Hinch at Seven.

Mrs Knowles and her sons Patrick, 24, Sean, 21 and Wayne, 18, said their car was engulfed by a glowing ball and lifted into



OBJECT  
 WHITE LIGHT  
 with shape  
 in centre  
 a yellow  
 light.  
 About 3 feet  
 wide. No  
 estimation  
 of length



DRAWING BY  
 KNOWLES  
 FAMILY  
 GIVEN TO  
 POLICE

● A sketch of the UFO drawn by the Knowles family soon after the incident in which they claim they saw an unexplained object in the Nullabor

the air.  
 "We were in a state of shock," said Mrs Knowles.  
 "All of a sudden this thing was on our roof and lifted the car up."

"I said I didn't know what to do and as soon as I said that this smoke stuff started coming into the car."

"It was like a soot ... coming in on top of us," she said.

"We thought we were dying so we got out of the car and stood behind a little tree in the bushes."

"It couldn't find us but it was still there waiting for us and looking for us."

Mrs Knowles said she and her sons stayed in the bushes for about 15 minutes.

"Then all of a sudden it

took off again and when we hopped in the car to take off it came after us again.

"It wouldn't leave us alone."

The Knowles said they were all awake when they noticed the UFO in the middle of the road, in front of their car, at about 3am.

"It looked like truck-lights so we didn't take much notice at first," Patrick said.

"It was terrible," Mrs Knowles said.

The Knowles were adamant that what they saw was real and not a ball of lightning as has been claimed.

"No that's not true," said Sean.



● The Knowles family ... Patrick (left), 24, Faye, Sean, 21, and Wayne, 18.