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'Cross' in 3404 sky baffles police

Two baffled police constables yesterday told a senior officer that after chasing a mysterious "flying cross" for about 12 miles at 80 m.p.h., they were "completely in the dark" as to what it was.

Police - constables Roger Willey and Clifford Waycott, both in their 30's, spotted the object from their patrol car on the Holsworthy—Hatherleigh road in the Okehampton area of Devon at about 4 a.m. yesterday.

They chased it as it flew over the road and then it stopped in a field. It then disappeared but returned later to be joined by another object. At 4.58 a.m. both objects disappeared.

Yesterday the two constables were questioned by a senior officer of the Devon and Cornwall police.

Pulsating

He said later, "They were unable to recognise the object at all. They are as much in the dark as you or I."

All the constables could say was that it was "cross-shaped very large and bright and having a sort of pulsating movement about it."

Mr. Christopher Garner, aged 29, a motorist who joined the officers in watching the object over the field, was also questioned.

He said it looked like a "motor-car headlight above the trees."

It appeared to be low in the sky "but that could have been a deception."

No reports of similar sightings came in yesterday.