



L. to R.: Mrs. Smith, Mrs. Thomas, Mrs. Stafford. See Col. 3

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00:00:40,150 --> 00:00:16,100

[Music]

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00:00:43,030 --> 00:00:40,160

a 1976 ufo encounter in kentucky the

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00:00:45,110 --> 00:00:43,040

investigation by charles lear in last

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00:00:47,430 --> 00:00:45,120

week's blog we looked at a ufo encounter

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00:00:49,670 --> 00:00:47,440

in kentucky reported by three women

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00:00:51,830 --> 00:00:49,680

louise smith mona stafford and elaine

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00:00:53,830 --> 00:00:51,840

thomas according to them they saw a

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00:00:55,990 --> 00:00:53,840

craft that shone a blue light into their

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00:00:57,670 --> 00:00:56,000

car and seemingly took control of it

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00:00:59,510 --> 00:00:57,680

they felt pain down through the tops of

11
00:01:01,590 --> 00:00:59,520

their heads and in their eyes felt the

12
00:01:03,349 --> 00:01:01,600

car being pulled backwards and then

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00:01:05,109 --> 00:01:03,359

suddenly found themselves almost eight

14

00:01:08,149 --> 00:01:05,119

miles away in what seemed like an

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00:01:10,310 --> 00:01:08,159

instant the ufo was gone they continued

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00:01:12,230 --> 00:01:10,320

on into liberty kentucky and stopped at

17

00:01:14,469 --> 00:01:12,240

the trailer home of smith who had been

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00:01:16,550 --> 00:01:14,479

the driver they became aware that they

19

00:01:19,030 --> 00:01:16,560

all had a number of physical ailments

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00:01:21,190 --> 00:01:19,040

including burning and tearing eyes skin

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00:01:23,190 --> 00:01:21,200

that burned when in contact with water

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00:01:25,190 --> 00:01:23,200

and one inch by three inch marks on the

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00:01:27,030 --> 00:01:25,200

backs of their necks there was also

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00:01:27,830 --> 00:01:27,040

about 80 minutes they couldn't account

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00:01:29,429 --> 00:01:27,840

for

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00:01:31,429 --> 00:01:29,439

smith looked to see if any of her

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00:01:33,270 --> 00:01:31,439

neighbors were awake and saw a light on

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00:01:35,429 --> 00:01:33,280

in the trailer next door belonging to

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00:01:37,990 --> 00:01:35,439

lowell lee the women went over to his

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00:01:39,830 --> 00:01:38,000

house and lee listened to their story he

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00:01:41,749 --> 00:01:39,840

looked at the marks on their necks and

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00:01:43,830 --> 00:01:41,759

then had them go to separate areas and

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00:01:46,389 --> 00:01:43,840

draw what they said they'd seen the

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00:01:47,910 --> 00:01:46,399

drawings were almost identical the story

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00:01:49,910 --> 00:01:47,920

found its way into the press and it

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00:01:51,830 --> 00:01:49,920

wasn't long before interested ufo

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00:01:54,069 --> 00:01:51,840

investigators approached the women to

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00:01:57,749 --> 00:01:54,079

look into the case according to the

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00:01:59,429 --> 00:01:57,759

october 1976 apro bulletin jim and coral

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00:02:01,670 --> 00:01:59,439

lorenzen of the aerial phenomena

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00:02:04,149 --> 00:02:01,680

research organization were alerted to

42

00:02:06,230 --> 00:02:04,159

the case by april field investigator

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00:02:08,910 --> 00:02:06,240

bill terry who'd read an article on the

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00:02:12,150 --> 00:02:08,920

reported encounter in the february 1

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00:02:13,830 --> 00:02:12,160

1976 kentucky advocate he wanted to know

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00:02:16,150 --> 00:02:13,840

if they thought it was worth it for him

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00:02:18,630 --> 00:02:16,160

to make the 60-mile trip to personally

48

00:02:20,710 --> 00:02:18,640

investigate and they said yes when he

49

00:02:23,030 --> 00:02:20,720

got to smith's home in liberty he found

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00:02:25,670 --> 00:02:23,040

that investigators from the mutual ufo

51
00:02:28,309 --> 00:02:25,680
network and the center for ufo studies

52
00:02:30,309 --> 00:02:28,319
had gotten there the day before terry

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00:02:32,550 --> 00:02:30,319
gathered information and then called

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00:02:33,670 --> 00:02:32,560
april he told the lorenzen said he

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00:02:36,070 --> 00:02:33,680
thought the women might have been

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00:02:39,190 --> 00:02:36,080
abducted and that the usual hypnosis

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00:02:41,830 --> 00:02:39,200
procedures should be used the lorenzens

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00:02:44,070 --> 00:02:41,840
contacted dr leo sprinkle who was an

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00:02:45,830 --> 00:02:44,080
apro psychiatric consultant and

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00:02:48,309 --> 00:02:45,840
experienced in hypnotic regression

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00:02:49,990 --> 00:02:48,319
techniques it was arranged that sprinkle

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00:02:52,150 --> 00:02:50,000
would travel to liberty at apro's

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00:02:54,630 --> 00:02:52,160

expense and interview the women and

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00:02:56,390 --> 00:02:54,640

offer his services as a hypnotist

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00:02:58,630 --> 00:02:56,400

sprinkle was an early abduction

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00:03:00,550 --> 00:02:58,640

investigator and notably had regressed

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00:03:03,430 --> 00:03:00,560

nebraska police patrolman herbert

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00:03:05,509 --> 00:03:03,440

shermer in 1968. this was for the air

69

00:03:08,470 --> 00:03:05,519

force funded university of colorado

70

00:03:11,110 --> 00:03:08,480

study headed by dr edward condon and is

71

00:03:14,229 --> 00:03:11,120

described in case 42 in the results of

72

00:03:16,790 --> 00:03:14,239

the study published in 1968 as the

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00:03:19,030 --> 00:03:16,800

condon report according to the bulletin

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00:03:21,270 --> 00:03:19,040

terry met sprinkle and the two went to

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00:03:23,270 --> 00:03:21,280

smith's home when they got there they

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00:03:26,070 --> 00:03:23,280

were met with a conglomeration of

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00:03:28,390 --> 00:03:26,080

investigators from kufos and mufon who

78

00:03:30,309 --> 00:03:28,400

felt that they were first on the case

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00:03:32,550 --> 00:03:30,319

and that applo should not be allowed to

80

00:03:35,509 --> 00:03:32,560

enter sprinkle didn't want to cause a

81

00:03:37,350 --> 00:03:35,519

scene and apra was called the lorenzens

82

00:03:38,710 --> 00:03:37,360

got in touch with leonard springfield

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00:03:40,710 --> 00:03:38,720

who was a member of all three

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00:03:42,630 --> 00:03:40,720

organizations but was in liberty

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00:03:44,710 --> 00:03:42,640

investigating for mufon

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00:03:46,550 --> 00:03:44,720

according to the bulletin stringfield

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00:03:49,190 --> 00:03:46,560

wanted to make use of sprinkle but

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00:03:51,509 --> 00:03:49,200

didn't want a report sent to apro as one

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00:03:54,070 --> 00:03:51,519

might expect the lorenzens didn't take

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00:03:56,149 --> 00:03:54,080

too kindly to the idea adding further to

91

00:03:58,070 --> 00:03:56,159

their indignance was the information

92

00:04:00,550 --> 00:03:58,080

from smith that someone from either

93

00:04:02,630 --> 00:04:00,560

mufon or kufos she couldn't remember

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00:04:05,030 --> 00:04:02,640

which had advised her and the other two

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00:04:07,350 --> 00:04:05,040

women against cooperating with apro

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00:04:09,750 --> 00:04:07,360

because they would call in the national

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00:04:11,910 --> 00:04:09,760

enquirer it was eventually agreed that

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00:04:13,830 --> 00:04:11,920

sprinkle would hypnotize the women and

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00:04:16,550 --> 00:04:13,840

that the case reports would only be

100

00:04:18,229 --> 00:04:16,560

published after mutual agreement

101

00:04:22,230 --> 00:04:18,239

stringfield published his version of

102

00:04:24,550 --> 00:04:22,240

events in the january 1977 mufon ufo

103

00:04:27,510 --> 00:04:24,560

journal according to him sprinkle

104

00:04:29,510 --> 00:04:27,520

arrived on march 5th and by march 7th an

105

00:04:31,749 --> 00:04:29,520

agreement was reached so that he could

106

00:04:33,270 --> 00:04:31,759

hypnotize stafford who was the only one

107

00:04:35,909 --> 00:04:33,280

of the three women to agree to the

108

00:04:37,990 --> 00:04:35,919

procedure under hypnosis stafford

109

00:04:39,510 --> 00:04:38,000

recalled details of the sighting but

110

00:04:41,030 --> 00:04:39,520

nothing that could help fill in the

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00:04:43,350 --> 00:04:41,040

missing 80 minutes

112

00:04:45,510 --> 00:04:43,360

sprinkle told stringfield that stafford

113

00:04:47,110 --> 00:04:45,520

was in a post-hypnotic state and that he

114

00:04:49,990 --> 00:04:47,120

might be able to help her recall some

115

00:04:52,230 --> 00:04:50,000

more details stringfield then edged his

116

00:04:54,469 --> 00:04:52,240

chair closer to her took a folder out of

117

00:04:56,830 --> 00:04:54,479

his briefcase with pictures of humanoids

118

00:04:59,189 --> 00:04:56,840

described by other witnesses and

119

00:05:01,590 --> 00:04:59,199

unceremoniously placed it on the table

120

00:05:03,110 --> 00:05:01,600

next to her she looked at the pictures

121

00:05:05,990 --> 00:05:03,120

and said that the head of one of the

122

00:05:08,070 --> 00:05:06,000

creatures looks like the light i saw she

123

00:05:10,710 --> 00:05:08,080

then started to see a face in her mind's

124

00:05:12,870 --> 00:05:10,720

eye that faded and reappeared like in a

125

00:05:15,029 --> 00:05:12,880

fog it is mentioned in the bullet

126

00:05:17,430 --> 00:05:15,039

article that james c young who gave the

127

00:05:19,350 --> 00:05:17,440

women polygraph tests at a later date

128

00:05:21,110 --> 00:05:19,360

commented that he could not be sure how

129

00:05:23,590 --> 00:05:21,120

influential the interviews by the

130

00:05:25,510 --> 00:05:23,600

investigators previous to the tests had

131

00:05:27,749 --> 00:05:25,520

been on what the women believed they had

132

00:05:30,150 --> 00:05:27,759

experienced it is pointed out in the

133

00:05:32,390 --> 00:05:30,160

article that mufon investigators

134

00:05:34,790 --> 00:05:32,400

apparently showed the witnesses drawings

135

00:05:36,629 --> 00:05:34,800

of ufos and occupants before the

136

00:05:38,550 --> 00:05:36,639

witnesses made their own renderings of

137

00:05:40,950 --> 00:05:38,560

what they saw there is also the

138

00:05:44,550 --> 00:05:40,960

accusation in the article that mr

139

00:05:46,390 --> 00:05:44,560

stringfield and mr black of mufon asked

140

00:05:48,629 --> 00:05:46,400

some very suggestive and leading

141

00:05:51,270 --> 00:05:48,639

questions during hypnosis sessions on

142

00:05:53,350 --> 00:05:51,280

july 24th according to stringfield

143

00:05:56,230 --> 00:05:53,360

sprinkle was unable to return after the

144

00:05:59,189 --> 00:05:56,240

march 7th session due to lack of funding

145

00:06:01,270 --> 00:05:59,199

then jerry black of mufon announced that

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00:06:04,390 --> 00:06:01,280

he'd called bob pratt at the national

147

00:06:06,629 --> 00:06:04,400

enquirer and made a deal part of the

148

00:06:08,870 --> 00:06:06,639

deal was that sprinkle's expenses would

149

00:06:10,950 --> 00:06:08,880

be paid for another trip to liberty the

150

00:06:13,110 --> 00:06:10,960

paper would also make arrangements for

151
00:06:15,510 --> 00:06:13,120
james young to administer polygraph

152
00:06:17,590 --> 00:06:15,520
examinations in spite of the inquirer's

153
00:06:19,830 --> 00:06:17,600
reputation for being less than a model

154
00:06:22,550 --> 00:06:19,840
of journalistic integrity pratt was a

155
00:06:24,950 --> 00:06:22,560
respected ufo investigator according to

156
00:06:27,189 --> 00:06:24,960
stringfield black's daring move he had

157
00:06:29,430 --> 00:06:27,199
heard was out of concern for the women's

158
00:06:31,830 --> 00:06:29,440
health according to the kufos file

159
00:06:34,070 --> 00:06:31,840
generously provided by david marlar

160
00:06:37,670 --> 00:06:34,080
there was something to this smith had

161
00:06:39,670 --> 00:06:37,680
lost over 28 pounds stafford had lost 17

162
00:06:41,990 --> 00:06:39,680
and all three women were experiencing

163
00:06:44,309 --> 00:06:42,000

fears and anxiety with staffords being

164

00:06:46,550 --> 00:06:44,319

the most severe the irony of black

165

00:06:48,790 --> 00:06:46,560

reaching out to the enquirer was not

166

00:06:51,589 --> 00:06:48,800

lost on the lorenzens it is mentioned in

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00:06:54,150 --> 00:06:51,599

the bulletin as being a surprise

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00:06:56,070 --> 00:06:54,160

considering there the women's reluctance

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00:06:58,950 --> 00:06:56,080

to have anything to do with the paper if

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00:07:01,430 --> 00:06:58,960

apra was on the case on june 23rd the

171

00:07:03,670 --> 00:07:01,440

women pratt sprinkle stringfield and

172

00:07:05,830 --> 00:07:03,680

young all met at the brown motel in

173

00:07:08,469 --> 00:07:05,840

liberty for the polygraph exams and the

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00:07:10,070 --> 00:07:08,479

hypnosis sessions by this time all three

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00:07:12,629 --> 00:07:10,080

of the women were willing to undergo

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00:07:15,029 --> 00:07:12,639

both the exam and the hypnosis the

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00:07:16,950 --> 00:07:15,039

polygraph exams were given first and

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00:07:18,550 --> 00:07:16,960

because of the amount of time involved

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00:07:20,870 --> 00:07:18,560

there was only enough time the first

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00:07:23,749 --> 00:07:20,880

night to hypnotize smith all three

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00:07:25,749 --> 00:07:23,759

underwent hypnosis the next day besides

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00:07:27,430 --> 00:07:25,759

interviewing the witnesses hypnotically

183

00:07:29,990 --> 00:07:27,440

regressing them and giving them

184

00:07:32,309 --> 00:07:30,000

polygraph examinations the investigators

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00:07:34,469 --> 00:07:32,319

found additional witnesses and collected

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00:07:36,469 --> 00:07:34,479

statements from character witnesses

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00:07:38,710 --> 00:07:36,479

while there was some sloppiness in terms

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00:07:40,710 --> 00:07:38,720

of witness leading and petty rivalry the

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00:07:43,029 --> 00:07:40,720

investigators gathered some compelling

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00:07:45,830 --> 00:07:43,039

evidence that something very strange had

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00:07:55,700 --> 00:07:45,840

happened to smith stafford and thomas