

SOMEWHERE IN THE SKIES  
CASE FILES

When UFOs Attack:  
The Val Johnson Incident

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00:00:05,690 --> 00:00:02,930  
what's up guys Ryan Sprague here for

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00:00:07,940 --> 00:00:05,700  
another episode of Case Files and today

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00:00:11,870 --> 00:00:07,950  
we're gonna be asking the question did a

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00:00:15,620 --> 00:00:11,880  
UFO collide or attack a deputy sheriff's

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00:00:41,689 --> 00:00:15,630  
police car this is the veljohnson UFO

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00:00:44,149 --> 00:00:41,699  
incident one of the most baffling UFO

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00:00:46,939 --> 00:00:44,159  
cases ever reported took place in

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00:00:52,309 --> 00:00:46,949  
Minnesota in the early morning of August

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00:00:54,469 --> 00:00:52,319  
27th 1979 deputy sheriff Val Johnson of

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00:00:56,509 --> 00:00:54,479  
the Marshall County Sheriff's Department

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00:00:58,969 --> 00:00:56,519  
was on patrol that morning when he

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00:01:00,770 --> 00:00:58,979  
noticed an extremely bright light coming

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00:01:03,379 --> 00:01:00,780

through the side window of his patrol

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00:01:05,299 --> 00:01:03,389

car he reported that the light was much

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00:01:08,810 --> 00:01:05,309

stronger than any light or motor vehicle

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00:01:10,730 --> 00:01:08,820

on the road could produce his first

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00:01:13,219 --> 00:01:10,740

thought was that it could potentially be

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00:01:16,010 --> 00:01:13,229

an airplane smuggling in drugs from

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00:01:19,880 --> 00:01:16,020

Canada he surmised the plane may have

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00:01:22,310 --> 00:01:19,890

crashed or was about to crash he turned

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00:01:25,279 --> 00:01:22,320

on the road to moving close in head

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00:01:27,200 --> 00:01:25,289

towards the light to investigate the

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00:01:29,419 --> 00:01:27,210

last thing you remembered was that the

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00:01:32,779 --> 00:01:29,429

light came barreling towards him and

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00:01:34,190 --> 00:01:32,789

reached the patrol car so fast that it

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00:01:37,789 --> 00:01:34,200

seemed like it happened in a mere

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00:01:39,230 --> 00:01:37,799

instant he heard glass breaking and then

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00:01:42,950 --> 00:01:39,240

he went unconscious

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00:01:45,410 --> 00:01:42,960

a friendly analysis of the accident it

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00:01:49,099 --> 00:01:45,420

was estimated that deputy Johnson was

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00:01:51,380 --> 00:01:49,109

unconscious for about 39 minutes when he

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00:01:54,319 --> 00:01:51,390

awoke he radioed headquarters for help

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00:01:56,989 --> 00:01:54,329

in a weak voice stating that something

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00:02:00,260 --> 00:01:56,999

had hit his patrol car but he did not

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00:02:02,630 --> 00:02:00,270

know what when a second deputy arrived

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00:02:05,029 --> 00:02:02,640

on the scene he immediately called the

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00:02:07,800 --> 00:02:05,039

ambulance and deputy Johnson was taken

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00:02:10,559 --> 00:02:07,810

to the nearby Warren Hospital

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00:02:13,770 --> 00:02:10,569

deputy Johnson's eyes were reported to

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00:02:16,410 --> 00:02:13,780

be red and puffy the medical doctor who

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00:02:17,790 --> 00:02:16,420

examined the deputy said the injuries to

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00:02:20,790 --> 00:02:17,800

his eyes looked like they had been

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00:02:23,729 --> 00:02:20,800

inflicted by a welder's torch

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00:02:26,640 --> 00:02:23,739

he also said deputy Johnson was in a

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00:02:28,530 --> 00:02:26,650

state of shock the Marshall County

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00:02:31,140 --> 00:02:28,540

Sheriff's Department investigated the

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00:02:33,870 --> 00:02:31,150

Bell Johnson UFO incident extensively

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00:02:36,750 --> 00:02:33,880

but experts were also brought in because

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00:02:40,259 --> 00:02:36,760

the physical evidence left behind was so

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00:02:43,350 --> 00:02:40,269

baffling the windshield of the patrol

51  
00:02:46,140 --> 00:02:43,360  
car was badly cracked from top to bottom

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00:02:50,640 --> 00:02:46,150  
however the patterns in which it was

53  
00:02:52,680 --> 00:02:50,650  
broken defied normal analysis it did not

54  
00:02:56,670 --> 00:02:52,690  
seem to be the result of an outside

55  
00:02:59,280 --> 00:02:56,680  
force or inside force it almost seemed

56  
00:03:01,559 --> 00:02:59,290  
as if there were both inside and outside

57  
00:03:04,020 --> 00:03:01,569  
forces working simultaneously

58  
00:03:06,449 --> 00:03:04,030  
to create a fractured pattern that the

59  
00:03:08,809 --> 00:03:06,459  
investigators had never seen before or

60  
00:03:11,460 --> 00:03:08,819  
can explain with ordinary techniques

61  
00:03:14,280 --> 00:03:11,470  
they concluded that there seemed to be

62  
00:03:16,289 --> 00:03:14,290  
four separate areas of impact but could

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00:03:19,319 --> 00:03:16,299

not even hazard a guess as to what

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00:03:20,789 --> 00:03:19,329

caused the pattern we saw on the left

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00:03:23,009 --> 00:03:20,799

side of the front hood of the patrol car

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00:03:24,750 --> 00:03:23,019

there was a strange one-and-a-half inch

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00:03:26,610 --> 00:03:24,760

circular dent

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00:03:28,740 --> 00:03:26,620

the headlights were broken on the side

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00:03:30,089 --> 00:03:28,750

of both the inside and the outside of

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00:03:32,190 --> 00:03:30,099

the patrol car

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00:03:34,610 --> 00:03:32,200

however the headlights on the other side

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00:03:38,399 --> 00:03:34,620

of the patrol car were left untouched

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00:03:41,699 --> 00:03:38,409

the main antenna was inexplicably bent

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00:03:44,190 --> 00:03:41,709

at a 60 degree angle starting there six

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00:03:47,149 --> 00:03:44,200

inches from the base of the antenna the

76  
00:03:49,679 --> 00:03:47,159  
antenna in the truck was also damaged

77  
00:03:51,809 --> 00:03:49,689  
what are the strangest things the

78  
00:03:55,129 --> 00:03:51,819  
investigators found was that the patrol

79  
00:03:58,440 --> 00:03:55,139  
car clock was behind 14 minutes and

80  
00:04:01,280 --> 00:03:58,450  
deputy Johnson's wristwatch was also

81  
00:04:04,470 --> 00:04:01,290  
behind the exact same amount of time

82  
00:04:06,720 --> 00:04:04,480  
before the incident both the patrol car

83  
00:04:09,270 --> 00:04:06,730  
clock and deputy Johnson's wristwatch

84  
00:04:12,869 --> 00:04:09,280  
had been synchronized with the clock at

85  
00:04:15,360 --> 00:04:12,879  
headquarters no logical explanation has

86  
00:04:17,430 --> 00:04:15,370  
ever been given for why the patrol car

87  
00:04:21,060 --> 00:04:17,440  
clock and the wristwatch were both

88  
00:04:22,950 --> 00:04:21,070

affected in the exact same way while

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00:04:25,230 --> 00:04:22,960

there are many experts involved in

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00:04:27,900 --> 00:04:25,240

analyzing the damage patrol car and

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00:04:30,280 --> 00:04:27,910

other physical evidence one is

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00:04:33,520 --> 00:04:30,290

particularly noteworthy

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00:04:35,950 --> 00:04:33,530

this was J Allen Hynek the consultant

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00:04:39,280 --> 00:04:35,960

for the US Air Force's UFO project

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00:04:41,950 --> 00:04:39,290

Bluebook as dr. Hynek and his team

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00:04:44,610 --> 00:04:41,960

investigated the veljohnson UFO incident

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00:04:47,380 --> 00:04:44,620

he concluded that it was not a hoax

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00:04:50,830 --> 00:04:47,390

further nothing in deputy Johnson's

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00:04:52,750 --> 00:04:50,840

statement seemed untruthful dr. Hynek

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00:04:55,240 --> 00:04:52,760

proposed that the cracked windshield had

101  
00:04:58,830 --> 00:04:55,250  
been damaged by rocks being carried in a

102  
00:05:02,950 --> 00:04:58,840  
wake of a very large object moving at

103  
00:05:05,320 --> 00:05:02,960  
extraordinary speeds further he proposed

104  
00:05:08,020 --> 00:05:05,330  
that the antenna had been bent for the

105  
00:05:11,980 --> 00:05:08,030  
sheer velocity of the air that rush past

106  
00:05:14,350 --> 00:05:11,990  
the patrol car that night the patrol car

107  
00:05:16,480 --> 00:05:14,360  
is now unpermitted display at the

108  
00:05:19,120 --> 00:05:16,490  
Marshall County Historical Society

109  
00:05:21,310 --> 00:05:19,130  
Museum it is always one of the top

110  
00:05:24,520 --> 00:05:21,320  
attractions during the annual Minnesota

111  
00:05:28,330 --> 00:05:24,530  
County Fair when the incident occurred

112  
00:05:30,970 --> 00:05:28,340  
in 1979 there were only about 60,000

113  
00:05:33,280 --> 00:05:30,980

miles on the patrol car so the Marshall

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00:05:36,060 --> 00:05:33,290

County Sheriff officials wanted the car

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00:05:37,360 --> 00:05:36,070

repaired and put back into commission

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00:05:40,000 --> 00:05:37,370

however

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00:05:42,370 --> 00:05:40,010

sheriff Dennis Breck convinced them to

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00:05:44,549 --> 00:05:42,380

decommission the car and put it on

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00:05:46,889 --> 00:05:44,559

public display

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00:05:50,219 --> 00:05:46,899

the patrol car has achieved legendary

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00:05:54,449 --> 00:05:50,229

status among those who believe in

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00:05:57,239 --> 00:05:54,459

paranormal phenomena and UFOs in fact

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00:05:59,639 --> 00:05:57,249

the veljohnson incident is so famous

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00:06:02,599 --> 00:05:59,649

there have been two documentary style

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00:06:06,119 --> 00:06:02,609

television programs devoted to it

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00:06:08,879 --> 00:06:06,129

Bell Johnson received much attention for

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00:06:10,769 --> 00:06:08,889

the incident so much in fact that he

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00:06:13,229 --> 00:06:10,779

told the press that the incident had

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00:06:16,979 --> 00:06:13,239

caused a great deal of emotional strain

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00:06:19,799 --> 00:06:16,989

on himself and his family while he did

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00:06:22,739 --> 00:06:19,809

appear on several interviews with local

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00:06:24,839 --> 00:06:22,749

news and even Good Morning America he

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00:06:26,820 --> 00:06:24,849

began to withdraw from other press

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00:06:29,550 --> 00:06:26,830

appearances

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00:06:32,490 --> 00:06:29,560

no matter what this UFO encounter will

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00:06:36,020 --> 00:06:32,500

live in the history books as one of the

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00:06:38,909 --> 00:06:36,030

most fascinating UFO cases of all time

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00:06:41,189 --> 00:06:38,919

still to this day beads and services one

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00:06:45,869 --> 00:06:41,199

of the very best cases for physical

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00:06:47,790 --> 00:06:45,879

evidence was left behind by a UFO every

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00:06:50,339 --> 00:06:47,800

year since the incident Warren Minnesota

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00:06:53,580 --> 00:06:50,349

has received a great many visitors

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00:06:57,029 --> 00:06:53,590

wishing to see for themselves the patrol

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00:07:00,330 --> 00:06:57,039

car with its peculiar damage in the area

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00:07:02,040 --> 00:07:00,340

where the incident occurred the light

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00:07:04,619 --> 00:07:02,050

was coming at me was extremely bright

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00:07:07,890 --> 00:07:04,629

the inside of the car lit up I remember

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00:07:10,350 --> 00:07:07,900

that and it was a very dazzling

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00:07:14,459 --> 00:07:10,360

brilliant occurrence something did

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00:07:16,860 --> 00:07:14,469

strike my vehicle something didn't want

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00:07:21,180 --> 00:07:16,870

me there apparently or it was you know I