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FBI says flare near Kennedy likely a meteorite

NEW YORK (Reuter) - The green flare-like light seen by a Saudi airlines crew Thursday near the flight path of doomed TWA Flight 800 was most likely a meteor shower, the FBI said Friday.

FBI agents interviewed the crew because one of the theories of what caused the TWA crash is that it could have been brought down by a missile.

The Paris-bound Boeing 747 crashed offshore minutes after taking off from Kennedy airport July 17, killing all 230 people on board. The cause of the crash has not yet been determined and investigators believe other possibilities were a bomb or mechanical failure.

``We have spoken to meteorologists who said they were expecting heavy meteor activity for a couple of days that would in fact be reaching its peak today,' a spokesman for James Kallstrom, head of the FBI's New York office, said.

``The best we could determine is that would be the likely explanation,' the spokesman said.

The Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) said Thursday that the crew of the 747, flying at about 12,000 feet, spotted the green flare while making its approach to Kennedy at about 6 a.m. EST.

The FAA said, however, that the pilot did not feel the plane was in jeopardy and simply reported it as a ``sighting.' The plane traveled on to Washington's Dulles International Airport.

In November, a co-pilot of a Pakistan International Airlines plane on a flight path similar to that of the doomed TWA jetliner also reported seeing a mysterious streak of light in the sky after taking off from New York. The FBI said that the most likely explanation for that incident was a meteor shower.

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