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Purple Blotches Mystify NY Town  
The Associated Press  
November 28, 1997

GATES, N.Y. (AP) -- It's a plane! No, it's a bird!

At first, aviation officials thought the purple blotches that appeared overnight on people's homes and cars in this Rochester suburb were left by airplane lavatory fluid falling from the sky.

But an analysis of a splotch on one of the homes almost certainly rules that out, said Jim Peters, a spokesman for the Federal Aviation Administration.

The answer seems to be a bit more straightforward: droppings from berry-eating birds.

Not everyone believes that. Some residents point out that the splatters are unusually large for birds.

On the chance that some lavatory fluid may have leaked, the FAA is still contacting all the airlines that had planes coming in or out of Rochester a week ago when a dozen splatters were reported.

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