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Swinging pendulum object reported in Pennsylvania
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This incident occurred near Latrobe, PA on the evening of April 10, 1999. The witness who is a law enforcement officer for a state agency, had taken a walk outside and at about 7:40 P.M. noticed a brilliant star-like object very high up in the sky. The observer indicated that what he saw looked similar to Venus, which he is used to seeing later in the evening, but towards the west. The sun had just set, and the witness thought that it was still too early to see many stars. He lined up the bright object with the corner of a building, and confirmed that the object was indeed moving very slowly.

Curious about what he was seeing, the man ran inside and obtained his 10x50 binoculars. The object was moving slowly and steadily from northwest to southeast. In the binoculars the actual shape of the object itself couldn't be determined, since the sun was reflecting off the body and it was extremely bright. But what was most interesting, was that hanging from the bottom of the brilliant object was a long appendage that "looked like a very long pole." The witness felt that due to the very high altitude of the object, this part would have to have been very large for him to see it so clearly.

This straight device gave the man the impression of a pendulum, since it was rotating under the object counter clockwise, but at times would remain straight down and stop. This mechanism which appeared solid, and always remained straight, was silver in color. There may have been some bumps or irregularities along the appendage.

The object was observed for about 20 minutes. The witness was distracted from the observation for a short time, and when he tried to locate the object again, he was unable to locate it. This witness has seen NWS weather balloon packages, and is sure that this is not what he observed.

If anyone is aware of any similar recent reports, please contact me.

Stan Gordon

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