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Re: Sheffield UFO Incident 2?

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>Andy's comments appear to miss the mark completely.
>What Stan is clearly referring to is the testimony of witnesses
>in a court trial. And witnesses in a court trial are directly
>comparable to witnesses of a UFO sighting. In that sense,
>the tools used to evaluate a trial witness' credibility can also
>be used to evaluate whether a UFO witness is a trained
>observer, has good character and is in possession
>of his or her faculties.

Witnesses in a court trial are usually dealing with events we know can happen. Houses do get burgled. People do get murdered. Fraudsters do rob unsuspecting marks. The evidence sought here is to determine how plausible it is that a particular individual committed any of these acts. However a case in which I claimed that you teleported yourself into my house in the middle of the night and stole my video recorder might not be so straightforward. If I produced someone who saw you actually disappearing through the house wall and appearing a few moments later with the said video in your hand, that witness might just get as tough a ride as abductee witnesses get from the sceptics.

Actually, that witness would probably get a much tougher grilling than the average abductee, as lawyers are not as polite as UFO investigators, even the hard-line sceptics.

So let's stop having these silly comparisons about court evidence relating to criminal acts which everyone knows do happen in real life, and abduction events which - to put it politely - are far more contentious!

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