

INVESTIGATION LOG:

Witness was called 12/20/12 at 12 PM; he stated he could not talk until Sunday 12/23/12. On that date I called about 3 PM, no answer, left message. We were able to hold the interview by telephone at 7:30 PM on 12/23/2012.

The interview lasted approximately 30 minutes with a brief conversation, less than 1 minute, follow-up half an hour later when I attempted to get a second witness to speak to me.

FINAL REPORT DATE: March 07, 2013

Field Investigator ID#: 19461

CASE#: 44556

BGE Results: Total Certainty Index is 21.6%

LONGITUDE/LATITUDE: Exact location is (+32.484369,-82.914359)

SYNOPSIS: At approximately 8:15PM EST on December 13, 2012, John Xxxxxx (witness) was traveling west on I16 just West of Dublin, Georgia when he observed a saucer like craft approaching his truck at tree top height from the right (North) shoulder of the interstate. The object slowly approached the witness' vehicle and hovered for a few seconds then disappeared. The object had 8 white lights around the underside perimeter and one white light, equal in size of those on the perimeter, in the center. The lights did not appear to illuminate the ground, only the object itself. The entire encounter lasted less than one minute with the object coming within 100 feet of the vehicle.

OBJECT DESCRIPTION: The witness described the object as saucer shaped, round. When first observed the object was about 50 yards in front of his truck moving slowly towards his moving vehicle. The witness described the size of the object as about 30 feet across. Witness stated that the object had lights "like a gas station canopy" but did not illuminate any of the surrounding trees or road, "8 white lights around the underside perimeter and one light of equal size in the center. The lights did not appear to illuminate the ground only the object itself, more or less".

The object had smooth, easy movements like it was tracking his vehicle, which was traveling down a major interstate highway about 70MPH. The object moved toward the truck and, once it was directly overhead, the witness lost sight of it, although he did not see where the object went once it was directly overhead. The object seemed to be less than 100 feet high when the witness lost sight of it. The object had the look of spun aluminum, not shiny. It flew from east to west over the west bound land of I16. The entire incident lasted less than a minute. The witness did not draw a sketch of the object nor take any pictures although he had a new Ipad in the truck with him at the time.

WITNESS INTERVIEWS/STATEMENTS: The interview with the witness was conducted via a phone call which lasted about 30 minutes. FI allowed the witness to go over in his own words the sighting then asked specific questions to fill in information gaps or clarify statements. On item that came up during the interview was that there was another witness riding in the truck with

the witness at the time of the sighting. At the time of the interview the witness and the other witness were at dinner. I asked to speak to the second witness (Sean) and was told to call back in 30 minutes to give them time to finish their meal. I did call back but the second witness refused to talk about the sighting saying that it was too upsetting. When I asked the primary witness about how he felt about the sighting, the witness answered that while it was exciting, he was in no way upset or apprehensive about it.

The witness insisted that there were many other witnesses but as of this report I have not been able to find any. I spoke with a reporter, Chase XXXXXX from Channel XX in Macon, as he had done a report in February of 2012 about sighting around central Georgia, and he said that there had been a number of reports to the station but his management was not interested in doing any other stories. I have not been able to get further responses from Mr. Chase XXXXXX at this point.

One discrepancy of the interview is the witness's memory of the weather. He indicated that it was clear skies, while the weather service stated that there was heavy fog with limited visibility. However, the station reporting this was some 15 miles south from the sighting location.

NATURAL PHENOMENON OR MAN MADE: A check of other sightings in the area for the night of 12/13/2012 came up with nothing unusual. Nor were there any reported astronomical events that may have led to this sighting. And, while Warner Robbins Air Force Base is approximately 50 miles west of the sighting area, no reports of unusual man made objects have been located.

WEATHER INFORMATION: From Weather Underground: 12/13/2012, 8:15PM Eastman Georgia METAR KEZM (approximately 15 miles south from sighting area);

Winds: Calm

Temperature: 39.4F

Humidity: 97%

Fog Visibility: .5 miles

LOCATION: Sighting occurred over west bound lane of I16 approximately 5 miles from Dublin Ga. Near intersection of GA319 and I16. A view from Google maps, both aerial and street view, show the area around Interstate 16 where the sighting was reported to be primarily forest and farm fields. A few industrial sites are scattered in the immediate area also, Warner Robbins Air Force Base is approximately 50 miles west of the sighting area.

EVIDENCE/INVESTIGATION: There is no other evidence in this case than the witness's description of the experience. No other witnesses have been found other than the passenger who refuses to be interviewed.

WITNESS CREDIBILITY: The witness is a contractor with a high school education in his mid 40's in good health. Over the phone the witness did seem sincere and convinced that what he saw was not an ordinary aircraft based on its shape and movement. This witness seems credible.

CORRELATING CASES: While other sightings have been reported in the area around Dublin during 2012, none had the shape or behavior of this sighting. Also, all though the witness insisted that other drivers on the interstate had to see the object, including some police, no other reports of this event have been seen on any of the common reporting web sites.

2012 sightings within 100 miles:

<http://www.ufocasebook.com/2012/videodublingorgia.html>

MUFON Case 44531

MUFON Case 37865

MUFON Case 35792

CONCLUSIONS: Unknown-UAV.

This is an interesting sighting due to the witness's description of the object, the closeness of the object to the observer and its movement. From those, a simple misidentification of man-made aircraft does not seem reasonable. The witness does sound sincere, and although the weather discrepancy is concerning, it could be a local phenomenon and was actually clear at the sighting area. On the negative side, the lack of additional available witnesses, or physical or corroborating evidence, is frustrating and provides very little to go on. In the end, I don't find any reason to disbelieve the reporting witness, and therefore conclude for Unknown-UAV. Georgia's SD has added a "Report Catcher" Notice about this event near the top of the main page of the chapter's website. It is possible witnesses may yet report in, and if that occurs this sighting report will be re-opened.