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Deputy spots UFO^A

A local Sheriff's deputy reported he saw a UFO last night in southern Campbell County.

The officer, who was off-duty, said the object appeared to be the size of a semi-truck and had rotating lights of many different colors.

Four other persons also saw the object.

The officer, who did not wish to be identified, said he and others first spotted a UFO about 7:30 p.m. and when they tried to get it in a spotting scope it tried eluding the viewer.

The man said he and his family were on their way to Gillette from the house buildings about 8 p.m. when the object started coming at his car.

The officer said he had turned out the car lights when he first noticed the object to see what it was.

"The closer it came the whiter it got," he said.

The officer started backing up his car since he couldn't turn around at that point and the circular shaped UFO started following them.

"It looked like it was trying to catch us," he said.

Those at the ranch buildings saw the car backing up and also the object in front of it.

The officer said he backed up for about a mile and then tried to turn around.

The UFO was at that point about 50 to 100 yards from the vehicle. It was described as about 10 feet off the ground.

When the officer attempted to turn his car around the object headed down into a draw with trees and disappeared.

The officer then went back to the house buildings and he and others got into a truck and went in search of the UFO.

They went to the draw and saw a bright light coming swiftly from the draw and then it was gone.

The officer said when they first saw the object they thought it might be a low flying jet but soon discarded the theory when the object went through the trees.

He said he didn't know if it was the same UFO they all had seen earlier and tried to get in the spotting scope.

The man said he hadn't anything to drink stronger than coffee that day, so didn't have an excuse for what he saw.

The deputy said that was the first time he had seen such an object.