

UFO shocked police captain

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An East Cleveland police captain, who is a licensed private pilot, was among dozens of persons who spotted a UFO over Lake County Tuesday night.

"I've never seen anything like it," said Cap. George Williams who was working at Lost Nation Airport Tuesday night when he saw the strange object. He is a fulltime East Cleveland police captain who works two-days a week at the airport.

"First I thought it was the Goodyear blimp. Then I knew it wasn't the blimp unless it was flying sideways.

"I RAN OUTSIDE and heard a faint sound of jet engines. Right away the phones started ringing with calls from people who had also seen it and wanted to know what we were doing out at the airport," he said.

"Anytime that close and that big would usually call in to us unless it was a military jet or something. They don't report in to airports."

He estimated the object to be about 3,000 feet in the air and moving at 50 miles an hour from the southeast to northwest.

"There were four orangish lights across it. They weren't like landing lights, and they didn't put out a beam. As it went past me and I was looking at what was probably its rear the light on the far right turned red.

"We called Cleveland approach control radar and they told us they were tracking a target, but had no radio communication with it. They said it was at 24,000 feet and moving at the speed of a large jet."

WILLIAMS SAID his sighting occurred

at 9:20 p.m., more than an hour after an Adkins Road man told The News-Herald he spotted the UFO the same night.

"At 10:50 a fellow in a twin engine plane landed at Lost Nation and told me he had seen the object. He described it the same way I did. His passenger said one of the lights moved away from the other while she watched it. He estimated the height at 7,000 feet and said he'd been flying at 3,500 feet."

"If it was a plane, it sure is the biggest one they ever built," Williams said.

GEORGE BEAM of 9471 Hoose Rd., Mentor, said he saw the object at about 10 p.m. Tuesday night flying northwest to southeast — the opposite direction of other sightings.

"The right side kept changing to a reddish color," he said. "I talked to the neighbors to see if any of them saw it. One of them told me they hadn't been out Tuesday night, but on Wednesday afternoon they saw two military jets flying very slow at tree-top level like they were snooping around."

"They were just poking along looking for something," Beam said.

MRS. GEORGE GURA of Adkins Road said her five children, who are between 8 and 16, all saw the object Tuesday night. "They are so terrified they taped their window shades to the windows and all slept in one room the other night," she said.

Her husband went outside to see the UFO when neighbor, Rick Aldridge, 7114 Adkins Rd., spotted the unusual lights about 8 p.m. "It looked like a boomerang with lights on it," Gura said. "We watched it for 10 to 15 minutes, and it sure wasn't any plane."

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