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30 Years Ago: Some Northern Ohio Cases By Rick Hilberg

On Sunday March 9th at 8:15 p.m. a 47-year-old man living on Luary Drive in Painesville was outside his home when his attention was drawn to a lighted object that was giving off a "static, fluttery sound." The night was cool, and as he looked up to see what could possible be making the strange sound he noticed that the sky was perfectly clear, with many stars visible

In the northern sky, at approximately 60 degrees above the horizon, the witness saw a cigar-shaped object with a bulge on the top part that was rose-colored with a slight grayish tint to it. The witness described it as large as a dime at arm's length. He stood watching it for a few moments, and reported that at the time it seemed to be hovering motionlessly; however, after a time the object began making drifting movements.

The witness then ran inside to get his wife and two children to join him in watching the strange lighted object, and when they all got outside it seemed as if another identical object was near the first one, but whatever they noted rapidly disappeared, leaving the original object in the same position as initially observed.

The UFO then went back and forth in the sky from east to west, and during the motions a passenger jet passed near the object, heading east. The witness stated that the object seemed to follow the airliner briefly, and then resumed its drifting movements for about five minutes.

During this part of the sighting the local police was dispatched, and a car was sent to the scene. Also during this

period of time another neighborhood couple joined in the observation, making a total of seven witnesses.

At this point, the object did very rapid maneuvers from the northeast to the southwest two to three times, appearing to loom closer to the witnesses than at any time previously. The UFO then began to do spirals or circular motions very rapidly, and seemed to move away to the northeast horizon and out over nearby Lake Erie, and was lost to sight when it passed behind some trees.

The duration of the sighting was about 15 minutes or more.

At 12:40 a.m. on April 3rd a woman in her 50s observed a bright, silvery disk-shaped object from a location just north of Brookpark Road near Chevrolet Blvd. in Cleveland.

She was alerted by a very bright light shining through the window of her mobile home, and decided to go outside as to ascertain its source. Upon arriving outside, she noted that the almost full moon was visible, with few stars visible because of the brightness and the presence of a very light amount of cloud cover.

She walked a short distance away from the other mobile homes and nearby trees to get a clear look at the source of the unnaturally bright light. It was then that she clearly saw the large disk-shaped UFO hovering over the nearby Conrail Belt Line railroad tracks and high tension power lines serving the many medium to large industrial plants in the area.

She estimated the object as being at an approximate elevation of 30 degrees, and thought that it was at an altitude of 180 feet or so above the power lines. She also

estimated the object to be 30 to 40 feet in diameter, and 15 to 20 feet high at the bulge.

She watched the UFO circle or orbit over the power lines for approximately ten minutes, when it unexpectedly rose straight up at a high but erratic speed, and was quickly lost to sight.

At approximately 1:00 p.m. on September 9th, three male employees of an airfreight company located on Brookpark Road near Cleveland Hopkins Airport were out in the parking lot finishing their lunch hour and enjoying the beautiful late summer day.

Suddenly, one of the men saw four roundish, disk-shaped, off-white colored objects in the western sky about 30 degrees above the horizon, moving swiftly towards the east. He shouted to alert his two co-workers and quickly pointed out to them the four objects.

Said the initial witness of his experience, "When I first saw them, they were in a perfect square. I watched them proceed (to) almost over the airport, and (they) then moved in such a fashion that I thought if its planes, I was going to watch a multiple crash.

"I then alerted (other two men) in the parking lot. (The) objects returned by then to a perfect square. By the time they were overhead (they) appeared to be more of a triangle formation.

"The amazing thing was at one point, one disk shot back of the other three quite far almost instantly, and just as fast closed the distance and became part of the last disk in the formation - just blended right into it, then it was apparent that (those) two disks stayed exactly on course while the other two would bank sharply and very fast - over, under, behind, in front slightly of the two staying on course. One would bank to the right and the other would do the same to (the) left - very much movement by the two outside ones.

"They do exist!"

The witness reported hearing no sound, and estimate that the objects were in sight for some 40 seconds before being lost in the distance 40 degrees above the eastern horizon.

At 8:45 a.m. on November 26th a man in his early twenties was casually looking out the window of his bedroom at the Parmatown Towers on Ames Drive in Parma. He reported that he suddenly saw something heading from the southwest sky toward the northeast at a high rate of speed. Within seconds he was able to discern two extremely bright points of light that had a small red-colored object "orbiting" them in a counterclockwise path.

Although he had them in view only about five seconds before they were lost to view after passing over the apartment building, the witness was quite certain that what he saw was not any sort of aircraft, as the morning was very clear and he would have easily been able to identify it as such had that been the case.

N.E. Ohio Flap 1988 By Richard Dell'Aquila

This is a report of a well-known event which happened over Lake Erie north of Eastlake in 1988. It was written by Richard Dell'Aquila soon after the sighting. Richard was an active MUFON investigator at the time. I enjoyed knowing him, and learning something about field investigations from him. Thanks to Bill Jones and Cathy Richards for resurrecting this story. Phyllis Budinger

Richard P. Dell'Aquila and Dale B. Wedge, MUFON State Section Directors for Cuyahoga, Lake, Geauga and Ashtabula Counties Ohio) have been investigating a series of sightings, beginning about March 4, 1988 and seemingly centered around the Perry Nuclear Plant, and the CEI coal burning plant at Eastlake, both on the shore of Lake Erie, east of Cleveland, Ohio.

March 4th was a clear, crisp night and the stars were clearly visible, especially to the north over the lake where there are no city lights. Venus and Jupiter were bright and in close proximity to each other in the western sky.

At about 6:30 P.M., S.B. (name and address provided to MUFON) and her children were driving home to Eastlake along the lake shore when they observed a large blimp-like object with bright white lights at each end, hovering over the lake and rocking end to end like a "teeter-totter." One light was brighter than the other and was strobing.

On arriving home, she asked her husband to accompany her to the beach about 200 yards north for a closer view of the object which they later described as "larger than a football held at arm's length." She and her husband walked onto the beach. The noiseless object was gun metal gray and seemed to cause the ice on the lake to rumble and crack loudly in an unusual way which frightened her. The witnesses had to shout to be heard by each other, and were surprised that no dogs were out barking as would have been expected.

After observing the object for a while, the couple became concerned for the safety of their children in the car when the object revolved slowly about 90 degrees, coming almost overhead (about 1/4 mile high) and pointing its "front" end down toward them.

They drove the children home and continued watching the object from their living room window which faces the lake. A neighbor was phoned and she and her son went to the

beach, reporting the same thing. They took photographs which did not turn out.

The object began to descend and the witnesses returned to the beach, where it was now observed to have red and blue blinking lights along its bottom edge. It emitted 5 or 6 noiseless, intensely bright yellow triangular lights from its side. They intermittently hovered around the larger object, darted and zigzagged into the night sky at velocities far in excess of known aircraft.

Mr. B stated the triangular objects were smaller than a one-seat Cessna and "crossed 50 mile stretches low over the ice in the snap of a finger." They were said to be able to approach the shore, turn abrupt right angles due east toward the Perry Nuclear Plant about 12 miles away, climbing rapidly and returning again, all within several seconds.

By this time, a Coast Guard patrol vehicle had arrived on the beach in response to S.B.'s several phone calls. The triangular objects came closer to the shore, causing the witnesses to become concerned that the lights on the Coast Guard vehicle would attract the objects and the lights were turned off.

The triangles continued to fly off at high speed northward over the lake and eastward toward the Perry Nuclear Plant. About an hour later, they returned one at a time into the large ship, which then landed on the ice. Several multicolored lights now came on for about 5 minutes on the bottom of the object "in a wave like a movie theater sign" and the brighter white light on the end began strobing red and white.

When these went off, the ice stopped making noise and everything became "dead silent." The object could no longer be seen within about a half hour and it was assumed to have gone below the surface. The next day, unusually huge pieces of broken ice were observed in the area of the landing.

The Coast Guard informed Mr. and Mrs. B the following day that the Army and NASA, whom S.B. had also phoned, instructed them not to investigate the matter further or go out on the lake in their cutter to examine the ice in the area of the landing, since the matter was "out of their league and out of their hands." They informed the couple that all information was being forwarded to Wright-Patterson Air Force Base and a facility in Detroit, Michigan. In response to a Coast Guard inquiry, Wright-Patterson refused to confirm or deny any interest in these activities.

On the next night, the same witnesses observed several triangular objects over the lake for about 45 minutes. By the time Coast Guard personnel arrived on the scene, the objects were gone.

On March 7, 1988, the Cleveland Plain Dealer and Lake County News-Herald carried articles which attributed a series of reports of large brightly lit objects over Lake Erie on the prior weekend to several witnesses' misidentification of the planets Venus and Jupiter. The newspaper accounts indicated that the Fairport Harbor Coast Guard went to the area and saw a large bright object that seemed to disperse smaller, bright multi-colored objects. But when they called the local air traffic controllers, they were "informed" that Jupiter and Venus were in alignment and that the colors were the result of "spontaneous gas emissions from the two planets." One article even attributed this amazing explanation to a professor of astronomy at a local university.

On reading the articles, Dell'Aquila felt it was unlikely that U.S. Coast Guard personnel, trained in navigation and identification of basic celestial objects such as the planets, could have made such a gross misidentification. Likewise, the statement attributed to the professor of astronomy was equally unacceptable, in that no other similar "spontaneous gas emission" from the planets cited, of the necessary magnitude, had ever been noted, particularly on this weekend.

In the course of the follow-up investigation by Dell'Aquila and Wedge, a Coast Guard incident report was found (presently in MUFON's possession) which states that Coast Guard personnel responded to several calls reporting UFOs over Lake Erie on the night of March 4, 1988. When the Coast Guard arrived; the report confirms that a large object "dispersed 3-5 smaller flying objects that were zipping around rather quickly. These objects had red, green, white, and yellow lights on them that strobed intermittently. They also had the ability to stop and hover in mid-flight." The incident report confirms Mr. and Mrs. B 's reports, including the abnormal cracking of the ice as the object came closer to it and apparently landed. "The smaller objects began hovering in the area where the large object landed (about 1/4 mile east of the CEI power plant) and after a few minutes they began flying around again." The report states that, "One of the small objects turned on a spotlight where the large object had been, but [the Coast Guard personnel] could not see anything, and then the object seemed to disappear. Another object approached [these personnel] approximately 500 yards offshore about 20 feet above the ice and it began moving closer as [the Coast Guard] began flashing its headlights, then it moved off to the west."

A subsequent Coast Guard report (also in possession of MUFON) prepared after the sightings of the following night attributes the sightings to misidentifications of the planets Venus and Jupiter and says, "the flashing lights are gases in the atmosphere...Request incident closed this unit."

In response to a classified advertisement placed by the investigators, other witnesses contacted Dell'Aquila and

Wedge, and have been interviewed as the investigation continues

On the same night (March 4th) at about 10:00 P.M., and continuing until approximately 10:30 P.M., C.H. (name and address provided to MUFON) also reported a UFO near her home, which is a few miles south of the lake shore and just east of the Perry Nuclear Plant. C.H. was walking a puppy when she noticed the stationary triangular object in the southeasterly sky. It was much brighter than the moon, and seemed to upset the puppy, which she took back indoors.

Returning outdoors, she reported that the object began sequentially flashing multi-colored lights, suspended in rows below the base of the triangle. The witness responded by flashing her cigarette lighter and the UFO's light pattern became more erratic. At one point, the triangle revolved clockwise, turning it s apex about 90 degrees to a horizontal position, but still flashing the rows of light. After several minutes, it turned back counter-clockwise as it simultaneously accelerated away to the south at a high rate of speed, disappearing behind some trees. No noise or odor was reported.

At about 10:30 P.M. that night T.K. (name and address provided to MUFON), took a photograph in his back yard, within a few miles of the Perry Nuclear Plant, showing a portion of a brightly lit triangular object traveling across the sky (Photograph in possession of MUFON). (This object was later confirmed by Mr. and Mrs. B and C.H. to be identical to the triangular objects they were also observing about the same time a few miles away, and is also similar to one reported to Phillip Imbrogno as having been near the Indian Point Nuclear Power Plant in New York State on the same night.) T.K. and his friend were outdoors on the night of March 4th, observing the stars through his telescope. Venus and Jupiter were reported to be in the western sky behind a stand of trees. While looking southward through the telescope, out of the corner of his left eye, T.K. noticed a bright, moving object in the sky. He and his friend were awe-struck by the triangular object, but he did have the presence of mind to take 3 photographs with a small "snapshot" type camera loaded with Kodak 110 color film, with which they had intended to photograph stars through the telescope. Only one photograph turned out. It is the last in the series, taken while panning ahead of the object, and shows the front portion of the triangle. The object was described as about 3-4 inches tall at arm's length and glowing an intense yellow/orange to white, with a bright orange/red glow behind it. It seemed to pulse brighter and dimmer, moving in a roughly southwesterly direction until it was obscured by trees. As it moved, it accelerated, slowed and accelerated again. No sound or smell was noted, although his dog had a strong reaction, running in circles and tugging on T.K.'s sleeve, apparently in an attempt to urge him away from the object. Total time of observation was a few minutes.

Dell'Aquila and Wedge continue to receive reports of additional UFOs over the same period, some supported by photographs, as the sightings continue to the date of this writing. Supplementary reports will be provided as the investigation of the flap progresses.

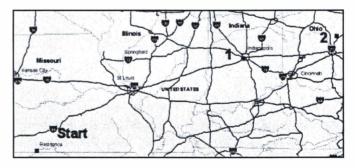
Woman Sickened From Two UFO Encounters on Successive Nights By William Puckett of UFOs Northwest

Comment: This article is from the August 2006 issue of the MUFON UFO Journal. William Puckett contacted Phyllis Budinger regarding the analysis of shoes worn by a witness during a UFO encounter near Mount Gilead, Ohio. This event is not well-known by most Ohio Ufologists. Yet it ranks as one of the more bizarre events which have occurred in Ohio. Phyllis Budinger

A bizarre adventure awaited Dorothy and Danny Phillips upon embarking on a trip from Eagle Rock, Missouri to a resort near Mount Gilead, Ohio.

They left home in their truck and camper at about 3 PM on August 23, 2005. By midnight on August 23, 2005 they were heading east on I-70 a few miles west of Indianapolis, Indiana.

Dottie (primary witness) was driving and noticed what appeared to be a fire to the north. (See the encounter 1 location on map.) She saw lights rising from the fire which appeared to follow their vehicle.



Map Showing the "Interrupted Journey". Start is Eagle Rock, MO;

- 1 = Location of First Encounter
- 2 = Location of 2nd Encounter

She immediately noticed a strong odor similar to creosol, burnt tar, and sulfuric acid.

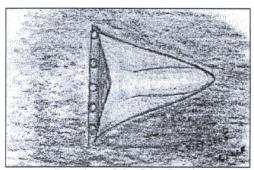
They continued their journey and a couple of hours later pulled off the side of the road to get some sleep. They awoke around daylight and continued their journey, stopping for breakfast and running a few errands along the way. They arrived at the Ohio resort about 2 pm.

At about 6 pm on August 24th the couple left the resort and drove to Danny's father's house in nearby Marion, Ohio.

They arrived at about 7 pm and left about 10:45 pm. Eastbound on highway 95, they noticed a large light to the north.

They turned north onto highway 61. It was about midnight, and they were five miles down the road when they saw a large craft directly ahead of them and over the highway. (See craft drawing, and note the encounter 2 location in the map.)

They passed directly underneath the craft. Again they smelled a very strong odor similar to that from their first encounter. The craft was moving slowly towards the east-northeast.



Drawing of Craft by Dottie

Effects of Encounters

Dottie noticed that her new shoes, which were never worn before the trip, had begun to peel after the first encounter near Indianapolis. After the second encounter, the surface of the shoes began to flake and peel. (See photo of shoes below.)



Photo of the shoes damaged from encounters (Note peeling of surface)

The day after the second encounter black residue collected on a carpet of a relative's house.

The couple returned home to Eagle Rock on August 30. Dottie reported her incident near Indianapolis to the FBI office in Indianapolis.

The FBI said that no fire had occurred on the date and location seen by the couple, and they FBI criticized Dottie for not reporting the incident sooner.

Dottie then called Homeland Security and reported both incidents. Homeland Security said that they couldn't investigate due to being involved with Hurricane Katrina.

Dottie also reported the incidents to the local sheriff, and was met with skepticism.

The Medical Diagnosis

Both Danny and Dottie were not feeling well when they returned to Eagle Rock. Dottie had severe digestive problems, was coughing a lot, and had red blotches over her skin. She also noticed that black flakes would fall when she brushed her hair.

Danny had similar symptoms. Dottie had some preexisting medical problems, but these problems were different.

She finally saw a physician on October 11, and told the doctor about her UFO encounters.

The doctor was not surprised, and seemed to have knowledge of physical effects caused by being in the vicinity of UFOs. (He worked for NASA under a grant for the University of Arkansas to find evidence of extraterrestrial life. ¹)

He diagnosed Dottie's illness as chemical pneumonia and severe kidney infection. He told her that any radiation effects "from these kinds of things will be the dissipating kind." Dottie visited the same doctor two weeks later, and the treatment prescribed by the doctor was working. Recently, however, both Dottie and Danny have become quite ill.

Dottie has been diagnosed with a neural disorder that apparently can be caused from chemical exposure. Danny also is having severe digestive problems.

Chemical analysis of the shoes (see discussion below) suggests that phenols could have been the substance responsible for leaching of the material from the surface of the shoes.

Some of the symptoms experienced by the Dottie (and Danny) are characteristic of inhalation exposure to phenols 2 , 3

Physical effects from close encounters with UFOs are not common, but do occur. The case of Betty Cash, Vicky Landrum, and Vicky Landrum's grandson (Colby) encounter on December 29, 1980 in Texas is well known ⁴. Also the case of Steven Michalak getting burned by a UFO near Falcon Lake, Manitoba, Canada on May 20, 1967 ^{5, 6} has been well publicized.

Analysis by Puckett

I requested that Dottie mail the shoes to me when she first reported the encounter. I asked her to pack the shoes in a sealed plastic bag in order to preserve any traces resulting from the encounter.

Upon receipt of the shoes I immediately photographed them and tested for radiation and magnetism. Radiation was not significantly above background, and there was no appreciable magnetism.

The plastic bags which contained the shoes were filled with black flakes peeling from the shoes. I also tested the bags for the above properties, and did not find any unusual readings.

I then contacted Phyllis Budinger of Frontier Analysis Ltd to see if she would analyze the shoes. She expressed interest in the shoes, and I immediately mailed one of the shoes to her.

Analysis by Budinger

Mrs. Budinger conducted a thorough analysis of the composition of the shoes, and to see if there any unusual residue on the shoes. Phyllis's complete report is available on the UFOs Northwest website ⁷. (Note: It can also be found as TSR number UT044 on the Black Vault website http://www.theblackvault.com/wiki/index.php/Category:Phyllis_Budinger_Collection. Phyllis Budinger)

The shoes were subjected to infrared spectroscopic analysis, pH tests, and UV fluorescence.

Infrared spectroscopy is used for the molecular structure identification and quantification of solids, liquids, and gases. An infrared spectrum is the result of light (in the 2 to 25 micron wavelength range) interacting with the vibration of molecules.

The particular set of vibrations of a molecule gives rise to specific spectral absorption bands, often referred to as the "fingerprint" spectrum.

Phyllis also tested the boots for radiation. The results of her analysis and conclusions follow:

"1. No unusual materials are detected on the boot. The boot is covered with fake suede, i.e. (poly(ester urethane) MBI. MBI = Methylene Bis(phenyl-isocyanate) which is one of the monomeric units of the polymer.

"The outer surface of the suede also has some polydimethylsiloxane which is commonly used as a water repellent. Soil particulates were found on the sole and heel of the shoe.

- "2. Black particulates found in the plastic bag containing the shoe are fake suede poly(ester urethane) MBI, obviously from the shoe.
- "3. Though not analyzed, I speculate the black substance reported to be on the relative's carpet was also some of the shoe material.
- "4. It is most unusual that the polyurethane "suede" came off the shoe. With the absence of any unusual foreign substances, I can offer two speculations why this occurred:

"The witness described a creosol, sulfuric acid, and tar odor during the event. This is an important clue. Creosol contains phenolic-type materials among other things.

"If the shoe was exposed to these materials, there is a very real possibility they caused the adhesive to fail. Immergut's "The Polymer Handbook" lists only for materials known to attack/dissolve poly(urethane).

"These are phenol, m-cresol (a phenolic derivative), formic acid, and sulfuric acid. Formic acid and sulfuric acid were eliminated by pH tests.

"For the second (less likely) speculation, I offer that the boot became wet during the encounter. This caused a loss of adhesiveness due to improper bonding of the urethane glue to the fake suede during manufacture. Partially uncured urethane adhesive was found in the boot."

Dottie said that the only rain on their trip occurred near Springfield, Missouri where they stopped to eat. This was early on the trip on August 23rd.) She said that Danny parked the truck close to the restaurant so they wouldn't get wet.

The National Weather Service in Springfield, Missouri reported 0.14 inches of rain on August 23.9 Given that Dottie and Danny were parked close to the restaurant and that only light rainfall was reported, it is likely that only the soles of the boot would have become wet.

Summary/Conclusion

This case is strengthened in that we have physical evidence that something unusual apparently happened to the new shoes to strip them of surface material.

The suggestion that phenolic-type compounds may have been the cause is in itself bizarre. As with all UFO cases, much of the validity of this case rests with the credibility of the witnesses. No other witnesses besides Danny and Dottie have been found.

I have had several interviews with Dottie, and believe that she is credible. I have also been able to verify information provided by her, such as the background of her physician.

I did not interview Danny because he has a condition that would make interviewing very difficult. Dottie told me that Danny did suffer some of the same symptoms that she did.

Currently both Danny and Dottie are not in good health. Dottie has been diagnosed with a neural disorder similar to multiple sclerosis. Danny has severe digestive disorders.

Dottie's doctor thinks that the neural disorder could be due to chemical exposure from the August 2005 encounters.

Like many UFO cases this case generates more questions than answers. What was this craft? Why did the witnesses have two encounters on successive nights and experience the same "strong odor?"

This case is ongoing. For updates and more information on this case, please visit the UFOs Northwest web site ⁸.

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What was going on in N.E. Ohio During the Summer of 2000?

Northeast Ohio has been a hotbed of UFO sightings since at least 1966 with the famous chase of a low flying UFO by deputies Dale Spaur and Wilber Neff. The summer of 2000 was very active. Following are the reports of two events. The first occurred on the night of July 22, 2000 and was investigated by George Pindroh, Rick Dell'Aquilla and "Captain Chuck". The second happened on September 19, 2000 and was investigated by Kenny Young. Both are presented as they were reported by the late Kenny Young on the Jeff Rense website http://www.sightings.com. Are they related?

Ohio Motorists 'Surrounded and Paced' by Multiple UFOs

Subject: UFO Report: Ashtabula and Trumbull Counties, Ohio – 7/22/00

Location: between East Liverpool and Ashtabula, Ohio,

Route 11

Date: Saturday night [July 22]/Sunday morning [July 23]

Time: Between 11:00 p.m. to 1:00 a.m.

Three motorists advised the Ashtabula County Highway Patrol office that they were "surrounded and paced by multiple red lights" while traveling northbound for nearly 40-miles on Route 11 between East Liverpool and Ashtabula, Ohio [Trumbull and Ashtabula Counties] around midnight on Saturday night, July 22.

The three motorists, ages range from between 60 to 70-years, were viewed as highly credible by Northeastern Ohio researcher George Pindroh, who interviewed them on Sunday, July 23. The key witness is an ex-law enforcement officer. Pindroh, contacted for a statement on this report, graciously afforded information of the sighting. He also expressed his respect for the privacy of the witnesses.

Pindroh told of how the threesome, while driving late at night on a desolate stretch of Route 11, became alarmed as a red glow came into view. One passenger asked the driver if the light source was a truck on the road. As they continued to travel toward the light source, they report that 'any lights' suddenly became visible 'all around' their vehicle. One light was extremely huge [estimated to be at least 3-feet in diameter] and the other lights were smaller, basketball sized objects there was strangely seen all around the car, on top, on each side and in back of their auto, a Cadillac.

The witnesses related to Pindroh that the lights, estimated to number almost 35 at one time, were thought to be attached to one larger, unseen object, rather than free-flying light sources. The lights, said to be very close to and above the car, paced the threesome as they drove an estimated 40-miles along Route 11, headed south to north. One passenger told Pindroh of being "scared to death."

While driving along with the lights in pursuit, there was no traffic seen on route 11 with the exception of one other car. It was thought that this car had stopped and its driver was looking out his window at the lights. The threesome, however, continued on without stopping.

While traveling on, the ex-law enforcement officer reported to Pindroh that they had experienced an unusual 'ardj area' that coincided with a disruption involving the car's burglar alarm system. The electronic car alarm was said to have 'went off' repeatedly while they drove along, further contributing to the mayhem. Strangely, rain-like moisture had also accumulated on the bottom half of the windshield on the front exterior portion of the car.

"As best as they could describe," Pindroh reported, "a strange darkness occurred and everything went black."

The claimants informed that the lights seemed to 'go to the left' and toward the front of their car as they approached their home. The first thing they did when entering the house was to rush to the phone and place a call to the police.

In investigation of the claims, researcher George Pindroh contacted the Ashtabula County State Highway Patrol office on Tuesday, July 25 and confirmed the advisement to their

office of numerous red-lights by the claimants. Pindroh also learned that there were additional calls about 'red lights' received at the same office around the same time frame, and yet another call was received at the Highway Patrol Office on Sunday concerning red lights seen on Saturday night.

Learning the automobile was later found to have had its preprogrammed radio stations 'reset' and its clock also found
to be inaccurate due to electronic default, Pindroh consulted
with a Cadillac dealer concerning the alarm system
disruption and the radio/clock issue. The dealer was not
able to full explain the electronic oddities, noting that if the
car had lost power during the experience, the driver would
know as power steering would be lost and the car would
have to be re-started. Further, the moisture on the vehicle as
described by the witnesses is not compatible with
condensation from the air conditioning system, according to
the Cadillac dealer. (Comment by Phyllis Budinger:
Unfortunately, the reported 'moisture' from this event was
not collected for analysis. I often wonder what it was.)

Multiple UFOs Dazzle Crowd of Onlookers in Ohio

Location: Girard, Ohio near Youngstown [Trumbull

County]

Date: Tuesday, September 19, 2000

Mr. Rodney Happney of Youngstown, Ohio reported sighting a UFO from his location in Girard, Ohio [Trumbull County] on September 19, 2000. Happney, who was interviewed by telephone on Thursday evening, September 28, 2000, was formerly in the military and served for two years in the 82nd airborne Infantry as a paratrooper. Happney informs that he is very familiar with many types of aircraft and cannot explain what he witnessed on September 19, and agreed to have his name published in this report.

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While driving his 1996 Chevy Lumina north on Salt Springs Road between 12:10 and 12:15 p.m., Happney caught a glimpse of something in the sky while waiting at a traffic light. "I just saw these things from the corner of my eye," he said.

The next thing that caught Happney's attention was a crowd of people standing in the parking lot of a Sheetz Convenience store and gas station. "This crowd of people was all standing around looking up and I realized they were looking at the same thing I was looking at, so I decided to pull in and stop."

Happney parked his car in the parking lot of the Sheetz store, which is a service station located on a heavily traveled quarter off of Interstate 80 at the Salt Springs Road exit. Also at this exit are 3-truck stops and a British Petroleum [BP] service station.

Happney estimated there were 20 to 30-people standing around looking into the sky as he pulled in to the Sheetz parking lot. They were mostly motorists who had also noticed the suspected UFOs, he presumed.

The objects, which were described as roundish star-like lights, in the daytime sky, seemed 'pretty high' yet below the thin cloud layer.

Happney observed a total of 6-independent objects that were not attached to any larger object. Some of the objects would shoot straight up, above the clouds while others would seem to roll around and reflect sunlight. They would perform quick "bee-like" maneuvers and then assume a formation in what appeared from his vantage point to be a "straight line."

"Two of these objects from the rear of the straight-line formation would remain stationary while the rest of these things just fell, suddenly," Happney recalled. "They seemed to be flying or buzzing around real high, but there was no sound at all that I could hear."

The objects continued to scatter about before they made a rapid departure to the east. Happney informed that he had never seen anything pull away at the speed these objects traveled. "Nothing could compare to how fast things were going," he said.

Rodney Happney declares that these objects were nothing that could be addressed with a satisfactory explanation, and was absolutely certain they were no type of aircraft or military jets in practice or mock combat.

The crowd of spectators was pretty worked up, about the strange goings-on in the sky above them. "All these people were as amazed as I was," Happney said. "Someone jokingly said it could be a UFO, but whatever it was, it shouldn't have been there. I've never seen anything like this before."

After the objects departed from sight, Happney reports that a military plane over flew the area. "No more than 15 or 20-seconds after these things pulled away, a military plane flew over to the south." He informs that the camouflaged C-5 'Galaxy' transport aircraft flew at an estimated 2-mile elevation. Happney also advised that he is familiar with these planes and knows they frequent the area.

After the sighting, Happney was excited about the occurrence and drove on to the Eastwood Mall in Niles,

Ohio where he then called 9-1-1 from a Super K-Mart store. He asked the 9-1-1 dispatcher if others had called about a UFO sighting, but the receptionist said she did not know. His call was referred to the Youngstown Airport where he was then transferred to the control tower. The tower operator [estimated to be 10-miles from the observation location] informed that nothing was seen at the time in question. Happney was advised by the tower operator to contact the National UFO Reporting Center with his claim.

Happney then contacted a local television news-station, Channel 33 in Youngstown, Ohio. A male receptionist at the news station informed him that the space shuttle was landing that day, and what was seen near I-80 could have been 'heat shielding,' coming off of the shuttle as it flew overhead.

The weather conditions at the time were blue skies with light, high clouds. The objects did not appear in the direction of the sun from the witness perspective, but did reflect sunlight.

The claimant was interviewed for about 15-minutes and this researcher views him as a cogent and astute witness. He claims one previous sighting that he cannot readily identify; this one from 1984 [while fishing with a friend near Route 11, he observed an object that had a green, blue and red light that hovered for about 1-minute].

Verifiable facts refute the dismissive speculation offered by the employee of a Youngstown, Ohio television station to explain the alleged UFO sighting. The Space Shuttle Atlantis returned to Cape Canaveral, Florida in the early evening on Wednesday, September 20, 2000, ending a 12-day mission to stock the International Space Station with supplies. This time frame simply would not have had its reentry course into the atmosphere over northeastern Ohio on Tuesday, September 19 at 12:15 p.m.

Sheetz, Incorporated was contacted by telephone on Friday morning, September 29, 2000 at 9:15 a.m. [2721 Salt Springs RD, Girard, OH 44420-3148 - phone: 330-530-2375], and an employee was asked if they had knowledge of or any information to support the claim of a UFO sighting outside of their station on Tuesday, September 19. The employee did not know anything about such a report and checked with other workers at the station who also knew nothing of any incident involving a crowd of people looking into the sky from their parking lot.

This report was submitted to Peter Davenport of the National UFO Reporting Center [NUFORC], and was made available courtesy of his advisement. Davenport also informs of a second UFO sighting reported to NUFORC on the same date from a woman who works in medical research. This claimant informs of a UFO sighting near Ravenna, Ohio [Portage County] on Tuesday, September

19, 2000 at around 8:00 p.m. The NUFORC caller told of seeing a cluster of 5 or 6 "boomerang shaped objects in unwavering formation" streak overhead. The objects were visible to the witness for an estimated 5 or 6-seconds.

In an effort to acquire more information on this report, the Ravenna, Ohio police department was contacted [330-296-6486] on September 21, 2000 and Dispatcher Gillum [sp?] handled the inquiry. The female dispatcher, who was professional in her approach and helpful with researching this report, was said not to have been on duty during the evening in question, but consulted momentarily with her partner who worked on Tuesday evening from 4:00 p.m. to midnight. This dispatcher informed that there were no incoming calls to their department reporting a UFO sighting.

Ohio MUFON Meeting Saturday, October 23, 2010 3:30 pm to 6:30 pm

The meeting took place at the Columbus, Ohio Metropolitan Library branch in Hilliard, Ohio. Thirty people were in attendance. Cathy Richards opened the meeting with a brief discussion on the latest topics in ufology, and she explained the steps it takes to become a Field Investigator.

This meeting featured a speaker, Phyllis Budinger, who presented a PowerPoint talk on the search for physical evidence related to UFOs. Phyllis is a retired analytical chemist whose mission is to do chemical analysis on any physical traces from, or caused by, UFOs. She hopes this type of information will help confirm the reality of the phenomenon, identify it, and maybe reveal a purpose.

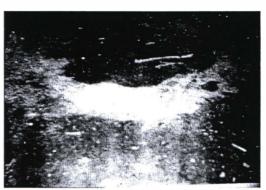
Phyllis began by defining what constitutes physical traces, such as UFO wreckage, UFO deposits; residues noted in related events such as cattle mutilations and abductions etc. The traces also include physical effects due to close proximity of a UFO, like burn areas, vegetation damage, soil changes, electromagnetic effects and assorted other disturbances. The importance of collecting proper samples was then emphasized. This was followed by a quick pictorial tour of her lab.



Budinger's lab: Frontier Analysis, Ltd.

Five cases involving physical trace analysis were then discussed and actual samplings were passed around.

The first case presented was the November 4, 1971 Delphos, Kansas event. This is one of the most extraordinary UFO cases in ufology. A UFO was observed to deposit a substance, which glowed for a few days. The substance was identified as mostly fulvic acids, with some calcium oxalate, and very small amounts of other components. Phyllis speculates that the glow (chemiluminescence) resulted from an ionizing field around the craft which was probably generated by the propulsion system. We can only speculate why it was dumped. Was it material from some biological process? Did it originate from hydrophonic gardens?



Glowing Delphos Kansas, deposit one hour after craft departure

Next, the famous Betty Hill abduction, which occurred on September 19, 1961, was reviewed. The focus of this presentation was the analysis of the new dress she wore during the abduction. This dress was reduced to a rag from Betty's encounter. There were torn areas as well as discolored areas. The discolored areas were shown to have suffered chemical attack on both the dye and fiber. These areas were also coated with a biologically derived material, which is probably mold, mildew and/or bacteria. This was not the original substance deposited on the dress. It is thought that the original substance was oils/respiratory agents from Betty's captors, which after a period of time served as a nutrient for a natural biological growth (mildew The discolored areas where this material is concentrated are where Betty says the captors touched her dress. Other details of the analysis were also discussed and support Betty's account of the event. There was nothing to contradict her story.



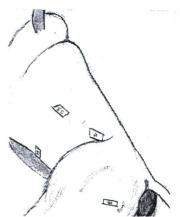
Betty Hill dress front (top) and back (bottom)

Golabki, Poland is a very rural area where a grandmother observed a UFO land in her farm field at 2 a.m. on July 19, 2003. The next morning her grandson found some strange 'rocks' at the landing site. He brought one rock home and went back the next day to retrieve the rest with a wheelbarrow, but they were GONE. The rock he did retrieve glowed for approximately six months. Analysis of the retrieved rock revealed it to be vitrified soil, i.e. soil that has been converted to a glass-like substance by high temperature (greater than 1300-1500°F). Furthermore, the stones were found not to be derived from the site soils. Like the Delphos deposit glow, it is probable that the rock glow was caused by exposure to the ionizing field around the craft.



Golabki, Poland mysterious 'rock'

In Saskatchewan "Frank" a bison bull was found mutilated in a circle of melted snow on March 13, 2008. It was the typical mutilation scenario with cored rectum and openings from his sex organs area. Singed hair from Frank was found 70 feet south of the ring. Analysis of the hair showed there was 3-hydroxyanthanilic acid on the surface. Extensive literature searches could not come up with any rational reason for the presence of this material. However, it would seem that someone in the government was quite interested in this result. The Canadian investigator has a website concerning animal mutilations, and she monitors it for visitors. Prior to my report she had only recorded two hits by the US government. On the day after my report was released she had 164 hits by one or more US government agencies. She knows that at least one agency (if not all) was APHIS (Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service).



Sketch of mutilated bison

The final case discussed involved mysterious white powders from Holland. White powders have been appearing in copious amounts after different bizarre events (after sightings of balls of light, in crop formations etc.) for at least 14 years. These cases revolve around Robbert van den Broeke, an 'enigma' in Holland.

Robbert has witnessed UFOs, entities, crop circle formations and has been involved with paranormal events. He apparently has extrasensory abilities, which have grown stronger and stronger over the years. The details of the many events can be found on Nancy Talbott's BLT website (www.bltresearch.com).

White powders found after a ball of light sighting and from three different crop formations were found to be an extremely pure (99.99%) form of a hydrated magnesium carbonate. The surprising results suggest that the material is prepared chemically and/or refined from a natural source. Clearly, at this purity it is beyond agricultural use which is about 85% pure. There are many known products containing magnesium carbonate, but it is only part of the formulations in these products.



White powder found in a Holland crop formation

Magnesium carbonate at 99.99% purity sells for about \$171.00 per 100 grams. So if this were a hoax, someone

would have to be very well off to purchase the amounts found to seed the sites.

We do know that there is current research which suggests greenhouse gas emissions may be offset by sequestering carbon dioxide through the carbonation of magnesium silicate mineral to form magnesium carbonate. Is this a clue? This may be far-fetched, but if this is not a hoax, could 'they' be trying to tell us that this process is a good way to solve our carbon dioxide crises?

All Budinger's detailed analytical reports can be found on John Greenewald's Black Vault website (http://www.theblackvault.com/wiki/index.php/Category:Phyllis Budinger Collection).

Tom Wertman taped the presentation.

Our next meeting will be held at the same location on Wednesday, January 12, 2011.

Featured Ohio MUFON Field Investigator Richard C. Diehm



We would like to feature one of our volunteer field investigators. We will be doing this in each newsletter so you can get to know a little about who our volunteers are and why they decided to make this commitment to MUFON.

Introducing our first volunteer, Robert C. Diehm. He is a State Section Director and covers several counties north of Columbus. The following is his report on why he has chosen to be a part of the MUFON organization:

"My interest in UFO's began when I was in my teens. One night my mother, sister and I were on the front porch when a huge UFO silently glided over our house and neighborhood. The craft was at least 300 yards in diameter with red and blue lights circling the outside edge. I could not believe the size of this craft. In my mind it had to be a mother ship. At that time people thought you were either crazy or nuts if you reported or even talked about UFO's. My mother told us to be quiet about our sighting. Eventually she did tell a couple of her sisters and close family members about the incident and yes they did think she was making it up. At that time my mother knew nothing about MUFON or any other reporting agency.

Career-wise I am a retired deputy sheriff with 20+ years of experience. While the majority of that time was spent on the road patrol, six years was dedicated to working in communications, corrections, and the crime lab (CSL). I also had the pleasure of being a member of the dive/rescue team. As a certified diver in drysuit my responsibilities required me to gather underwater evidence, perform underwater homicide investigations, and assist in ice rescue operations. My experience in public service is not limited to the sheriff's department. For ten years I was also a professional firefighter/EMT working in Arson/Fire Prevention Bureau.

I joined MUFON about 6 or 7 years ago and then decided to become a certified field investigator to do what I've always wanted to do, investigate UFO sightings or abductions. My goal is to let people know it is OK to report these craft. Additional ways I hope to accomplish this are by volunteering for the MUFON dive team and recently reformed MUFON Star Team.

I, in my "opinion", believe there is a government cover-up. With all the circumstantial evidence from potential abduction and mutilation cases, photographs and videos of crafts, and reported sightings of entities our government continues to keep trying to pull the wool over our eyes. They must think the American public is naïve. Other countries have come forth and admitted to investigating UFO sightings for years and made their evidence public. I think it's only a matter of time before we at least have partial disclosure.

To my friends of MUFON, keep on investigating those sightings. Remember it doesn't matter whether they are balls of light, objects in the sky, or any other strange phenomenon reported by the witness, just try to educate the public and get more people involved, the more the better.

Keep your eyes in the skies my friends.

Robert C. Diehm OHIO/MUFON SSD/FI

Current Cases from our Field Investigators

October 27, 2010 Mahoning, Ohio 8:00 P.M. Investigated by Ron Bracale

Witness report: Shortly before 8pm ET, I pulled into my driveway and stopped the car so my husband could get the mail. He got out, closed the door, and walked to the mailbox, which is on a post at the intersection of our driveway and our road, on the passenger side of the car. I hit the button to roll down my window, and looked up to watch it come down so I could stop it part way (it's chilly out). When I looked up, it was RIGHT THERE. It was either huge or really close, and positioned just north of my car (car was facing east). It was an incredibly bright, pure, solid white light in the shape of a triangle and it was in the process of rapidly increasing in intensity. Like quickly turning up a rheostat, this gave me the impression that it was growing brighter AND larger. My brain was screaming helicopter, but there was no sound but the bawling of the neighbor's cattle, and nothing but that solid white triangular light. Life flight goes by here all the time, so I know what that looks and sounds like. I knew better. I immediately screamed for my husband to look up, as I was leaping out of the car. By the time I got out of the car, it had dimmed and decreased slightly in size. As it quickly floated away, it lost it's triangular shape and became a fuzzy ball. It headed north, running parallel with our road. Then it stopped a few fingers above the northern horizon line. My 12 year old daughter exited the back seat on the passenger side and ran around the car to see what was going on because I was out of the car and still calling my husband's name. She came and stood beside me, she was frightened because I was yelling and pointing. She witnessed a ball of shiny white light that looked fuzzy in the middle. It was stationary then began moving back towards us just as my husband arrived. (He had been looking in the mailbox with a flashlight and missed the entire thing. It had to have flown RIGHT over his head). It pulsed a few times then started moving away again, a few seconds later it moved up and to the right and became stationary. My daughter saw it flash red three times

while it was moving up and to the right. I did not see this. Sadly, my husband has poor vision from cataract surgery, wears bifocals, and never saw anything. Please note that my daughter has perfect vision, and that I wear glasses for astigmatism with a crizal antiscratch coating, which I was wearing at the time of the sighting. The object was close to the horizon and we have ambient light issues from the neighboring town to the northeast, so it appeared to fade in and out of existence. We believe that at some point it actually disappeared and we started seeing Dubhe, as the big dipper was just starting to rise. This entire incident took place in a very short time, approximately 5-10 minutes, but felt like a lifetime. My husband pulled the car down to the bottom of the drive while my daughter and I walked home. It's about 180 feet from the top of the drive to where we park our car. My husband and daughter went up to the house, I stayed outside for a while to see if anything else appeared, then also went to the house. After pulling myself together I decided to write this report. A few notes... This was not a plane. We are on the PIT-ORD flight path so we see a lot of air traffic. We also see some New York and CLE traffic to the north. There are 2 small airfields within 10 miles of the house. We are also frequently buzzed by transports from the Youngstown air reserve station in Vienna. The Ravenna Army Ammunition Plant is about 30 miles northwest of us. There was actually quite a bit of normal air traffic during the sighting. This was not a meteor, we watch the Perseids every year. This object moved with control and intent. It did have the radiance, but not the tail, of an earth grazer, which I have seen. This was a solid triangular shaped light, NOT 3 lights in a triangular formation. A few cars passed us while this was happening. It was early in the evening. Please, if you saw this thing, file a report. Thank you for your time.

Investigators Report: It is this Field Investigators opinion that she saw a truly unusual object. Although a plane with a single light heading right at a person could seem like a glowing object getting bigger, sound would have been heard, especially as it changed directions. It remained visually anomalous and neither the witness nor the daughter every perceived standard blinking plane lights, which should have been apparent at some point. As it moved away toward the horizon, there were three other planes in the air, and the object bore no resemblance to them.

September 14, 2010 Lucas, Ohio 7:00 A.M. Investigated by Brian Knoblauch

Witness Report: I was on my way to work this morning. I just looked up and thought i was looking at a plane. It was moved in from left with a trail behind it. Again it just looked like a plane, but after a couple of minutes it just shot off at a right angle in the blink of an eye. I about s-myself. I snapped this picture [not included here] with my phone.

Investigators Report: (Phone interview) He was on his way to work and saw what he thought was an airplane. Small silver object at the head of the contrail is seen coming from the "upper left" of the picture. Didn't take much notice until he saw what looked like a rapid "poof poof" in it, and then took that 90 degree turn and vanished (leaving the second section of contrail) in probably less than a second (roughly). The total length of time of the sighting was guesstimated by him at 4-5 minutes. He got a total of 2 cell phone pictures, with the one that he sent in being the best, and the other one not being so good.

September 4, 2010 Warren, Ohio 9:10 P.M. Investigated by Jim Strausbaugh

Witness Report: On Sat. Sept 4th my husband, my son and I were traveling north on I-71 in Ohio about a few minutes before 9 p.m. near Kings Mills, Ohio when we saw a flash of light in the sky. It resembled a comet traveling west to east horizontally across the sky then disappeared then reappeared going east to west. Our first reaction was it was meteorites but then we thought about it and they usually don't go horizontally. Then about 15 to 20 minutes later as we drove thru Lebanon, Ohio north on St.Rt.48 about 9:10 p.m. we saw a group of 5 lights low to the west horizon toward Middletown, Ohio. The lights were just sitting in the sky in a sort of pentagon shape. They stayed still for a couple of minutes then they shifted their shape and 3 of the lights moved sideways. Then because we were driving the trees were in way and we weren't able to see the lights anymore. We checked the local news, tv and internet because we were in awe of what we saw and don't know what to make of it but we have seen nothing reporting strange lights that night. We also found out that friends of ours who were leaving the same party as that night also saw the same type of lights above I-71.

Investigators Report: Witness described comet-like sighting that reversed direction and observed formation of lights that changed formation shape; witness also reported disappearance and reappearance of lights and noted an airplane in area. Field Investigator (FI) notes that a night skydiving pyrotechnic jump and fireworks display was being performed at this time and date (Sep 4 at 2100) at the Middletown Regional Airport as part of a "Skydiving Boogie" (See Figure 1). This is also the direction that the witness observed the lights while traveling North on SR48 at 9:10 pm. Map of area and sighting plot is attached as Figure 2.

FI concludes this case as an IFO-(Skydiving Pyro Demo)

How to Become a Field Investigator By Cathy Richards

There are four steps to becoming a Field Investigator.

Step 1: You have already taken the first step by renewing your membership. Only members in good standing can be promoted to Field Investigator status.

Step 2: The top of MUFON's Home Page is "Find a Chapter." Please access this and find your state and contact your state director. Talk with your state director and let him/her know that you are interested in becoming a field investigator. This will give you a chance to ask questions and allow the state director to thank you for your interest, ask questions, and be your contact person if you require further information. This is a first requirement. There may be times when a state director is not available, so after several tries please contact Marie Malzahn, Director of Investigations.

Purchase a copy of the MUFON Field Investigator's manual at <u>Investigator Manual</u>. To ensure that only competent investigators conduct witness interviews, on-site investigations, and collateral contacts with public agencies and others, formal Field Investigator training is essential. The MUFON Field Investigator's Manual is the basic reference for training. All trainees must possess an original copy of the Manual and become completely familiar with its contents.

Step 3: Self study the MUFON Field Investigator Manual or attend a training class conducted by your local chapter (if available). You can find your local chapter at http://www.mufon.com/MapPages/MapPage.html by clicking on your state. Then complete the open book MUFON Field Investigator's exam, a copy of which is included in the Field Investigator's manual. Send your completed exam for grading to the address listed on the exam. Also, please make sure you either email a professional portrait photo of yourself (.jpg format 448H X)

336W pixels at 300dpi) to hq@mufon.com or by mail to MUFON, 2619 W. 11th. St. Rd., Suite 21, Greeley, CO 80634. Please include your name and MUFON ID #.

In order to be promoted to the position of Field Investigator, every member must achieve a favorable score on the MUFON Field Investigator's Exam (passing overall score of at least 80%). The purpose of administering the exam is to evaluate the individual's practical knowledge in respect to both potential UFO and IFO (identifiable flying object) reports from the public. The exam consists of one hundred questions in twelve specific areas: light and optics; sound; electromagnetic properties; measurements; physical traces; photography; radio and radar; celestial objects; atmosphere and weather.

Before engaging in actual investigation stemming from a UFO report, the Field Investigator Trainee needs a thorough grounding in the following areas:

- Investigative Ethics. Most importantly, the Trainee must understand and adhere to the tenet of anonymity (withholding witness identifiers from persons who are not part of the UFO report investigation or its evaluation within MUFON).
- Interviewing Methods. Preparation, controlling the setting, the sequence of obtaining a complete account, recognizing sensory perceptions, analyzing witness body language, active listening, interpreting the oral account, and drawing conclusions are all vitally important.
- Collateral Contacts. In a given circumstance, the Trainee must be aware of which public officials and/or others to contact in order to potentially resolve the report as a misperception, determine the person's reliability as a witness, or identify others who may have witnessed and reported the same event.
- Technical Background. A working knowledge should be conveyed to the Trainee on the subjects of weather anomalies, astronomy, conventional aircraft (especially lighting configurations), space satellites, photographic equipment and methods, and the soil sciences.
- Back Ground Check. MUFON will conduct a criminal "Back Ground" check on all applicants prior to issuance of a MUFON Field Investigator designation. If MUFON determines the Back Ground check is not acceptable to MUFON, the Field Investigator designation will not be issued to the applicant.
- Step 4: Although it is not required, it is highly recommended that once you pass your exam and achieve Field Investigator status that you accompany a current experienced MUFON Field Investigator on one or more live investigations before attempting an investigation on your

own. Please contact your MUFON State Director to coordinate mentoring opportunities.

You can find your State Director's contact information at the <u>MUFON directory map</u> (click on your state).

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