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2017 UFO STATISTICS – SECTION 2

	Worldwide	U.S.
All reports	7,651	5,485
Unknown Aerial Vehicle	1,065	857
Unknown-Other	784	657
Information Only	857	584
2017 reports only	5,985	4,387
2017 UAVs	608	749
2017 Unknown-Other	500	580
2017 Info Only	334	498

Looking back on 2017, it was a busy year for the Mutual UFO Network (MUFON), the world's oldest and largest UFO investigative organization and 501.c.3 non-profit, with more than 7,600 UFO reports filed by the public. From that larger number, the cases that occurred in 2017 numbered 5,985. MUFON Field Investigators, after careful investigation, closed out 608 of those cases as Unknown Aerial Vehicles and an additional 500 as Unknown-Other. Our research team weeded out the resolved cases—Identified Flying Objects—and those cases closed as Insufficient Data or as a hoax.

For 2018, MUFON is expanding the Top Cases list and now includes a larger group of reports—Cases of Interest. All

closed cases were reviewed that were designated as Unknown Aerial Objects or Unknown-Other, and the Information Only cases were also included because they frequently include reports with important data.

All reports from these three closure statuses were reviewed and 241 cases were chosen for the final 2017 Cases of interest list—and are published in the first annual volume that includes a four-part Research Index covering Location, Object, Site and Witness. The book is available now at Amazon.com.

From those 241 reports, a MUFON panel was assembled to pick their favorite 2017 cases. Thirteen cases were chosen—seven from the U.S. and six from other countries. Following is a brief case overview and supporting photos or illustrations for each.

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Still capture from the witness video. (Credit: MUFON)

British witness videotapes triangle light formation

A British witness at Gosport reported watching and videotaping three lights forming a triangle moving in random paths, according to testimony in Case 81450.

The witness works as a cleaner and was outside dumping rubbish bags into a bin at 10:50 p.m. on January 9, 2017.

“I noticed three green lights at around a 30-degree angle northwest of my position,” the witness stated. “Distance and height were too difficult to estimate from my position, but after checking on Google maps, there are mostly only fields in that direction. The postcode I observed from was PO13 0HR.”

The witness described the lights.

“The lights were evenly spaced in a large triangle formation with one more forward than the others when I first noticed them. They then all turned purple and started to move. You can observe in the video how they moved. I had full zoom using a phone camera, so quality isn’t great, but they were all bright purple in color and didn’t change again. They seemed to move in a random manor, moving side-to-side and up and down very quickly and turning very sharply. They would pass each other to swap sides, sometimes coming back to form triangles for a few seconds before moving again. Several times it looked as though one moved into another and became one light before breaking apart again.”

The witness soon lost sight of the objects.

“They disappeared below the houses several times so that I couldn’t see from my position what they were doing until the final time when I waited several minutes before giving up that they wouldn’t appear again. So, whatever it was possibly landed because they didn’t appear above the houses again.”

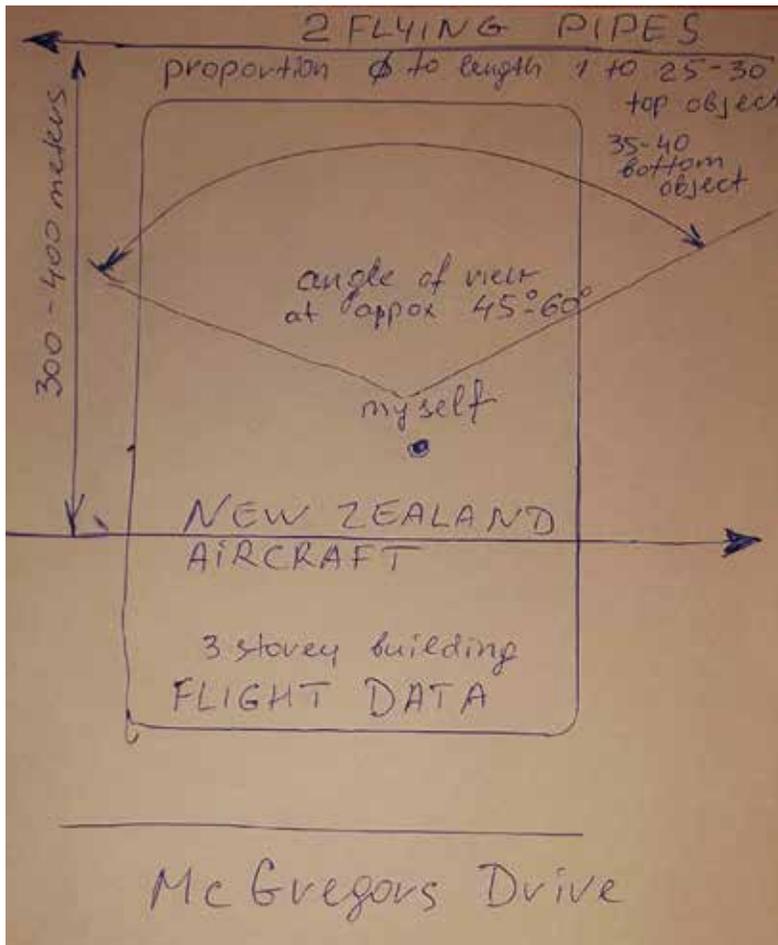
The witness then went back inside the building onto the

second level to view from a higher angle and could see one light again just above the house—but it quickly disappeared downwards.

“That was the last I saw of them. They never went higher than the initial height I observed them at. There were no other aircraft I noticed in the area, although there is a small airfield behind my position. The weather was dry (although rain earlier in the day), the sky seemed clear, stars were visible overhead, but none visible at the angle/height of these lights, presumably because of light pollution. When I left where I was 30 minutes later, the sky around the area where the lights were, was a hazy red color. The rest of the sky in the surrounding area was black, but this area specifically was a different color. I thought this might be some kind of heavy light pollution in that direction, but according to Google maps there are mostly just fields there, nothing that would give off unusual light pollution.”

British MUFON National Director Jack Turnbull investigated this case and closed it as an Unknown Aerial Vehicle.

“His account of seeing strange airborne craft is backed up by a video provided,” Turnbull stated in his report. “To me, they first appeared like drones, although their size appeared to be quite large and their color unusual. Weather conditions at the time were good. He states in his report that they did not change height, remaining constant, however, they did as is clearly shown in the video, swap positions. What can clearly be seen is what looks like propellers rotating, making me incline towards the drone solution, but he did, however, point out that in his opinion their size was comparable to helicopters, thus making it unlikely that they were drones. He also said that they changed color from red to purple. The last he saw of them was when they disappeared behind some roof tops.”



Witness illustration. (Credit: MUFON)

Australian airport maintenance worker reports two UFOs

An Australian witness at Melbourne Airport reported watching “two flying sticks” pass overhead while a New Zealand jetliner was landing, according to testimony in Case 81945.

The incident occurred at 10:37 a.m. on January 10, 2017.

“I would like to report a safety aviation incident,” the witness stated. “I was working on the roof of Flight Data Centre at 31 McGregors Drive Keilor East. At 10:37 a.m. New Zealand jetliner (airbus 330 or similar) passed over me at normal descending height 100–150 meters making normal jet noise. As jet passed over and peak of the noise decreased, I turned my head back to the air conditioner I had been working on. Suddenly jet noise started to increase.”

The witness spent two years working on Tower Control of the fighter jet department in the Air Force and has been in the training fields many times.

“My knowledge about civil and military aviation is much higher than ordinary person.”

The witness became suspicious right away.

“By all means, no aircraft is allowed in a landing pathway or close vicinity of a landing civil aircraft. It was clear sky, no clouds, sun wasn’t in sight, but what I saw it was hard to believe. In the opposite direction, to just past the New Zealand aircraft, on a slightly higher altitude than the aircraft, away from me 200–250 meters, were flying two long strands of a kind of plasma (one above another), 20–30 meters long, 0.3–0.5 in diameter. They were dark gray in color and the speed was similar to the just passed aircraft, but moving the opposite direction.”

The witness described the objects.

“The objects were not steel straight, or cylindrical in shape, and had round edges. Noise was like from the jet flying over, but not full throttle. I looked around. Sky was clear. No other planes around. I made good visual contact for 15–20 seconds as they passed over. Noise gradually disappeared.”

The witness attempted to see where the objects had gone.

“I went up to the higher roof level, but could not see where it flew after. I am declaring that I am a normal person in absolutely normal mental state and above-mentioned had happened. Also, I do understand that this might be a kind of new technology that might be highly classified, but which I very much doubt as it was too close to civil commercial aircraft and was dangerous. The pilots on this New Zealand flight also might have seen it as they had been on a similar attitude, on a head-on course. Also, it might have been recorded on close approach radar if there is a practice to keep records for some time. (It was such a practice in Air Force) If any enquiries arise, you’re welcome to contact me. I was so shocked that I did not even think to use my mobile.”

MUFON Australian Director Roger Stankovic investigated this case and closed it as an Unknown Aerial Vehicle.

Stankovic reached out to the Noise Complaints and Information Service Manager Ruth Jost at Airservices Australia.

“Thank you for advising us of the unidentified flying object sighting,” Jost stated in her reply. “There were a number of aircraft in the area at that time including a light aircraft conducting an aerial survey in a tight grid formation and as it would have been visible from the location you describe. This is the most likely explanation. Air traffic control have no record of any unidentified traffic.”

Stankovic did not agree with the conclusion.

“I am not convinced of the explanation given by the NCIS as light aircraft in tight grid formation would not explain what the witness had seen. I am convinced that the witness is not fabricating this account and that he is a credible witness. Case disposition: Unknown.”



Witness illustration. (Credit: MUFON)

Two low-flying triangles reported over Maine

A Maine witness at Orrington reported watching two, silent, low-flying, triangle-shaped objects, according to testimony in Case 82502.

The event occurred on Friday, January 13, 2017, beginning at 11:19 p.m.

“It also happened to be my friend’s birthday, so I can remember quite vividly what happened,” the witness stated. “I got out of work around eight o’clock and I went home to let my dog out and I went out to the lake to go see him and hang out with friends. I got to his house around 9 and we hung out for 45 minutes or so when we decided to go to Walmart with his brother and another friend because I just bought a new car and he wanted to get a video game.”

The group then got into the witness’s vehicle and drove to Walmart.

“We left the Brewer Walmart around 10:50 right before they closed at 11 and we headed back towards Orrington. We were heading up the Brewer Lake Road and went around an ‘S’ turn and we had noticed these red lights down the road above the dam on the lake.”

The group was not far from the Bangor International Airport.

“So, it didn’t seem like there was anything unusual about something like that; it looked like it was just beyond the dam and it was flying parallel to the road. It looked like it could have been a plane coming in. But there was something unusual about it, so when we saw it, I started talking about, I swear, how I saw a UFO the previous January.”

The group continued to drive down the road closer to the object.

“I’m still talking about the UFO. It was like it heard me talking about UFOs because this triangular silhouette went from being far off the road and fairly high in the air (500–700 feet) to swooping in very close probably 400 feet off the road and 200 feet high.”

The witness thought that the object coming closer was very odd.

“I was euphoric, but terrified at the same time. It was flat with the horizon when the object dipped up one side 20 to 30 degrees and swooped in closer. The best way to describe it is the way a feather or a leaf falls to the ground and swoops side-to-side. After it swooped down close to the car everyone started to have this moment of awe, yet panicky.”

The witness pulled off to the side of the road.

“It was just us four at the time because it was 11 at night. I turned the radio off and I rolled all the windows down and it was dead silent. That was too quiet a type of quiet. And we were all looking at the black, equilateral triangle that had glowing, bright, red lights on each end. The object also had a center light that glowed white and the object was dark against the clear night sky and it had to of been 40 to 60 feet across.”

One witness attempted to capture the object on video.

“As we were looking at it, one of my friends in the back seat pulled out her phone and tried to film it on her iPhone, but we looked at the video after and we couldn’t see anything but darkness.”

The witness wondered if this second object was an airplane, but noted that it was silent.

“I was still driving slowly down the road when I stopped and started talking to everyone in the car and we decided to turn around and go back and investigate. When we went back to the area where I pulled off the road, of course the object was gone along with whatever the larger object was.”

Maine MUFON State Director Valerie Schultz investigated this case and closed it as an Unknown Aerial Vehicle.

“There were no correlating cases at the same time,” Schultz stated in her report. “However, MUFON Case # 83559 occurred in the same town—Orrington—on April 29, 2017, and describes a triangular craft.”

“It is also 6.5 miles south of Bangor International Airport and the Army Air National Guard Base. A Military Operations Area is 20 miles to the northeast—the direction the craft was travelling. That suggests a military connection. However, the witness submitted a drawing showing a triangular craft with red lights on each corner and a center white light. The fact that this craft was silent and so low—400 feet off the road—leads me to suggest closing this case as Unknown Aerial Vehicle.”

Orrington is a town in Penobscot County, Maine, population 3,733.



Witness image. (Credit: MUFON)



Orb UFO videotaped over Florida

A Florida witness at West Palm Beach reported watching and videotaping a hovering orb, according to testimony in Case 81821.

The witness was playing golf at the Okeehetee Golf Course about 2:30 p.m. on January 28, 2017.

“While playing golf I saw a floating chrome sphere moving very slowly and started filming,” the witness stated. “I only filmed for a short time as we were moving on, since there were people waiting behind us.”

The witness described the object.

“The object made no sound. It almost looked like a giant balloon, bigger than a car. After watching it on video, I noticed that at the sixth second there was another orb passing through it from right to left at an incredible speed. I’m a student pilot and I’m fairly familiar with aircraft and I’m quite certain that these objects were no helicopters or planes.”

Florida MUFON Field Investigator James Thomas Horne investigated this case and closed it as an Unknown Aerial Vehicle.

“The witness is a student pilot and familiar with aircraft—and quite certain that these objects were no helicopters or planes,” Horne stated in his report. “The golf course is very close to the Palm Beach Airport. While the object is very small on the video, there are stills provided by the witness that showed the smaller object that passed through. With the tools at hand, the Field Investigator was unable to get a good zoom of the object in the video. The stills from the witness suggest there may be more visual data that can be recovered through video enhancement. The only weather balloon experiment that surfaced in Internet search was a student project in Ft. Lauderdale on February 9.”

West Palm Beach is a city in and the county seat of Palm Beach County, Florida, population 100,343.



Still frame taken from witness video. (Credit: MUFON)

Video: Bright light drops to 600 feet over witness

A California witness at Santa Rosa reported watching and videotaping a bright light that dropped to 600 feet overhead before gaining altitude and moving away, according to testimony in Case 81781.

The witness was driving home about 6:45 p.m. on January 28, 2017.

“It was me and my boyfriend in the car,” the witness stated. “We were about a mile from our house and I noticed a really bright light in the sky. I asked him, ‘Woah, is that a planet?’ It almost looked like a planet or really bright star. He said he didn’t think so and it just started getting closer and closer. Before we knew it, it was flying directly over our car and it was so close we could see details underneath the craft.”

The witness described the object.

“It had red and green blinking lights down the belly of the craft, and was long, rectangular and wingless. I was almost convinced it was some sort of missile. I couldn’t believe what I was seeing and both of us still can’t comprehend what happened. We finished driving home and saw some police cars headed toward the direction of the scene. When we got home, we could still see the craft hovering in the sky from our house. It seemed to go back up higher in the sky. It hovered in the same spot for about 10 minutes, then it started going back in the direction it initially came from. While it was hovering, we captured a video. It was really high up in the sky at this point. It slowly started getting higher in the sky and further away. Soon after it disappeared, a really

fast plane flew after the craft and followed its direction. The plane made a really loud sound up in the sky and you could tell it was going extremely fast.”

California MUFON Field Investigator Jerry Gerow investigated this case and closed it as an Unknown Aerial Vehicle.

“The Interview pretty much matched the witness’s original statement,” Gerow stated in his report. “The object was high up south of them and then quickly swooped down until it was over their vehicle at about 600 feet. They were heading South on Peteluma Hill Road at about 35 mph and continued until they got home. That was the only sighting before or after and they have had no paranormal incidents before, during or after the sighting. They said they did not feel ill during or after the incident and a Pit Bull dog they had with them did not seem disturbed in any way. The Sonoma County Airport is located several miles to the west of the sighting location. The video evidence sent in was from their cell phone—an HTC metro TCS (2016) and shows a red and green blinking light in the distance. No detail is evident. Could easily be aircraft navigation lights. I believe this witness to be credible and believe they saw something. The evidence presented by the cell phone showing a distant blinking light could easily have been an aircraft landing light. The only other evidence is the witness statements, which is un-proven.”

Santa Rosa is a city in and the county seat of Sonoma County, California, population 186,170.



Cropped and enlarged witness images. (Credit: MUFON)

British bus driver videotapes triangle UFO

A British witness at Exmouth reported watching and videotaping three lights forming a triangle pattern slowly crossing the sky, according to testimony in Case 83241.

The witness is a bus driver and was outside on a break at 9:41 p.m. on April 17, 2017, when the incident occurred.

“I was talking to my best man about my upcoming wedding on the phone,” the witness stated. “I would normally be in our restroom, but since the clock in the restroom was fast (about 7 minutes fast) I had gone out early to wait while still chatting to my friend. While I was talking, I was just kind of walking about near the leisure center, where my bus stops, when I looked randomly over in the direction of the river, which is when I saw the three lights in a triangle pattern rotating on its axis and wobbling slightly.”

The witness instantly felt that the object was not normal.

“I have been interested in the subject of UFOs since I was about 10. I told my mate I’d ring him back and started filming the lights with my phone. Due to the street lights my camera was having a hard time focusing on the formation, so I moved closer to the river to get a better view—in some haste since I still had to drive a bus which was going to be

there at any moment.”

The witness then shot a 2-minute, 40-second video. The witness then took 7 photos and another 41 seconds of video.

“It’s at this point I really had to go back to the bus stop to get my bus. As I walked over, four people got out of a car in the car park and I pointed out the lights to them—to which they showed a bit of interest, but not much.”

The bus arrived at 10:02 p.m.

“I showed the lights to my co-worker who tried to think of any reason they might be something other than a UFO—a drone, laser pointers, etc. He went to cash-in and finish and I had to drive as I was now 7 minutes late. I drove to the turn-around point and back in about 8 mins and the lights were gone by the time I got back down to town—and could not see them on the way down as I had a good view over the area due to the road I was driving.”

Exmouth is a port town, civil parish and seaside resort in East Devon, England, population 34, 432. British MUFON Field Investigator Karl Webb closed this case as an Unknown Aerial Vehicle.



Witness photo. (Credit: MUFON)

Square UFO reported low over Philippines

A Philippine witness at Angeles City reported watching a square or rectangular-shaped object at 700 feet moving south toward Manila, according to testimony from Case 83456.

The witness is a trained observer as a U.S. Marine who was having coffee at a computer at 5:45 a.m. on May 1, 2017, when the incident began.

"I heard my dogs carrying on outside and went to investigate," the witness stated. "At first, I thought they had barked at nothing, when I suddenly caught sight of the object. I watched it only for 30 seconds or so before realizing that it wasn't a plane, helicopter, or hot air balloon and ran into the house and grabbed my cell phone as it was the closest camera available."

The object was moving away.

"The object first appeared to be about 700 feet high, but as the object had moved into the background of my house, it appeared to be gaining altitude and I snapped three photos as it passed beyond the peak of the roof over my bedroom, moving in a south or southeast direction towards Manila. The object made no sound at all, and it had no visible lights of any kind. It seemed to be moving about the same speed as a small plane at first and was completely out of sight in about three minutes or less, apparently gaining speed."

The witness reviewed the images taken.

"When I first looked at the pictures, I thought I missed it, as

it looked like a speck of dust or dirt. I then downloaded them to my desktop computer and cropped the photos, and then I could see better detail. I was a bit stunned when saw it, as I had never seen any craft like this before, and it clearly had some type of leg structure for landing. Three pictures were taken, and numbered in the order taken, the best being the first picture."

Chase Kloetzke investigated this case for MUFON International and closed it as an Unknown Aerial Vehicle.

"A Philippines Airforce base is located about 10 km from the location," Kloetzke wrote in her report. "There is a small airport 12 km from the location. The photos were submitted to B. Spearing for analysis and there is no deception or tampering indicated on the photos. When the photo is embossed, the object clearly shows the object to have square edges like a cylinder with legs-type features. It is not a natural object such as a bird or bug—95 percent high jpeg quality was found. As per the witness's measure of distance of 700 feet in altitude the object was six and-a-half feet tall by four-feet-wide. No related cases found at MUFON, API, or NUFORC. Although this image is most likely a man-made object, there is nothing that has been found to give this photo image a positive identity. The witness has a reported background that is highly credible, and his observations are taken seriously to the details described.

Angeles, officially the City of Angeles, or simply referred to as Angeles City, is a 1st class highly urbanized city in the region of Central Luzon, Philippines, population 411,634.



Witness photo. (Credit: MUFON)

Uruguay witness photographs diamond-shaped UFO

A Uruguay witness near Bekode reported discovering an unknown object in photos taken after climbing a 1.5 km hill, according to testimony in Case 83772.

The witness and his cousin climbed to the top of the hill at 10:54 a.m. on May 6, 2017.

“We took many single photos in my Samsung Galaxy S3 which has an 8 MP camera,” the witness stated. “I needed to take a photo of us both and I didn’t have a tripod, so I kept my phone on a nearby rock and set a timer and took this photo. The object seems to stop and hover because if it was moving, we would have got a shaken image, which we didn’t. When we were climbing, we stopped for eating when my cousin’s phone started taking photos on its own. I think this is because of some kind of emp emission (electro magnetic pulse) which messes with our phone. His phone was an iPhone 4S. We only saw the object after taking the photo approximately at 7 p.m. IST ON May 6, 2017. I was looking through the photos and found this thing. I thought it was an alien because I believed in aliens and I was doing a lot of research about UFOs and aliens. I was happy and amazed and I can’t believe I actually came over a UFO myself after doing so

much research about them.”

Kumaresan Ramanathan for MUFON International closed this case as an Unknown – Other.

Robert Spearing for MUFON International reviewed the case photos.

“The object is roughly diamond-shaped with the longer point on the left side,” Spearing wrote in the report. “It is assumed the object was travelling right to left. It seems to have a rough exterior but negativizing and embossing the image shows the bottom to be very smooth. It appears grey and metallic. It is probably less than one mile away and possibly within 1,000 meters of the witness. This makes it bigger than a bird probably.

“Conclusion: This is an authentic photo of very high quality. The object cannot be confused with a bird or a plane. It is clearly anomalous, metallic and probably under intelligent control. No windows or cockpit were seen. Possibly a drone but it is not in the shape of any known drone.”



Witness images. (Credit: MUFON)

Cylinder-shaped UFO photographed over California

A California witness at Pleasanton reported watching and photographing a cylinder-shaped object silently crossing the sky, according to testimony in Case 84589.

The witness was outside at 11:35 a.m. on June 24, 2017.

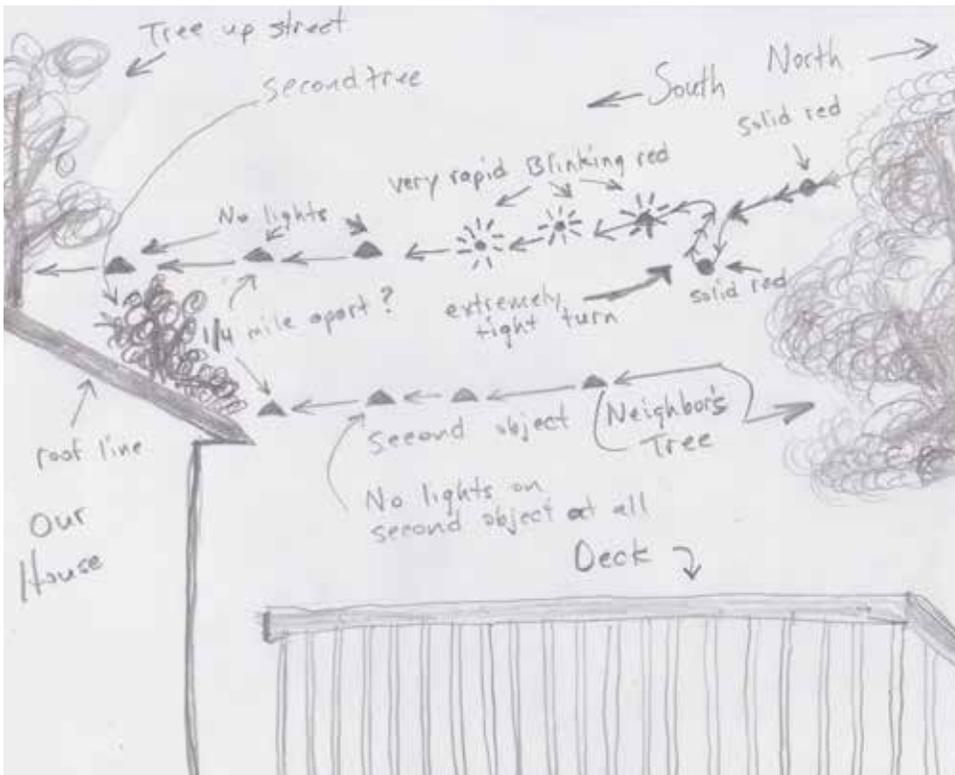
“The object hovered for three to four minutes and then disappeared leaving a C-shaped cloud—indicative of immediate sound barrier breaking,” the witness stated.

California MUFON Field Investigator Jerry Gerow closed this case as an Unknown Aerial Vehicle.

“From the five attached pictures the object is clearly not

cropped or transposed,” Gerow stated in his report. “Taken from different distances with corresponding increase in size makes these pictures accurate. The question is, what’s in the air? I checked with the Pleasanton Police, MUFON and NUFORC with no correlating cases. Appearance and distance rule out celestial of any kind. I know of no object flying that looks like this object. I ruled out a drone because it would have to be military because of size, and something unknown that emits no sound and flies away or disappears almost instantly. That leaves an Unknown Aerial Object.”

Pleasanton is a city in Alameda County, California, population 70,285.



Witness illustration. (Credit: MUFON)

Triangle UFO reported over Ohio

An Ohio witness at Huber Heights reported watching a triangle-shaped object after seeing a solid red light crossing the sky, according to testimony in Case 84903.

The witness was sitting outside on a back deck with her boyfriend at 9:50 p.m. on July 6, 2017.

“We were facing south taking some panorama photos of the sky above our house,” the witness stated. “About 9:50 p.m., my boyfriend said, ‘Look at that light over there.’ or something like that, pointing towards the west. When I looked where he was pointing there was a solid red light moving right-to-left across the sky, north to south-like. It wasn’t blinking like airplane lights do.”

This object seemed out of place.

“We see solid lights cross the sky sometimes at night while we sit out here frequently, but this one was much closer and lower in the sky. The others are super high up, small like stars, and only go in a straight line and the light stays the same the whole time. Those high up ones are also different from planes with blinking lights but kind of common too. This light, however, only started out like that (on, not blinking), but like I said, was much closer and thus the light seemed larger and brighter. But at first it just seemed like a bright, solid, red light moving. I tried to video it but didn’t realize I hadn’t hit the button in the right way. So, the whole

time I thought I was videoing but wasn’t.”

As the witnesses watched and discussed it, the object started to blink.

“You know, at a pace like an airplane might, but it was odd to go from not blinking at all to suddenly blinking. So, we were shouting about that and no sooner did we say that and the thing started blinking much brighter and faster.”

The witness described the object.

“Then it was gone. Just no light at all. It just blinked out. But instead of the light, we could now see a ship. I hadn’t noticed that before. It was triangle-ish in shape, more obtuse point at the top and more acute at the two bottom corners, kind of rounded. And it was flying right to left, but not flat, the point was up towards outer space and the two other corners were bottom left and bottom right, flying weird like that.”

Then a second object appeared.

“And we also noticed a second ship that didn’t show any lights at all but was identical in shape and direction of flight. It was lower in altitude and just came out from behind one tree only to soon go behind another. We just didn’t have a good line of sight on that one. The first ship continued across the sky in the same general direction without any lights the rest of the time, until it went out of view behind the roof of my house, towards the southeast. Maybe it lasted a minute? Maybe less. My boyfriend said that before he told me to look at it, it had curved in its direction, but I didn’t see that. No idea what these were. And no sound at all, even though the wind typically comes from that direction towards my house. Just nothing. The wind wasn’t blowing though, and we had just been talking about how still the night was before all this happened. So crazy. We wonder if it was maybe secret military craft since we’re so close to WPAFB, but why would the one blink like that, risking attracting attention?”

Ohio MUFON Tim Kelly and Ron McGlone closed this case as an Unknown Aerial Vehicle.

“Based on the CMS data and witness interview, there seems to be no reasonable natural or man-made explanation,” Kelly and McGlone stated in their report. “I’m classifying this one as Unknown Aerial Vehicle.”

Huber Heights is a city in Montgomery, Miami and Green counties Ohio, population 38,101.



Still frame from witness video. (Credit: MUFON)

Ohio witness videotapes huge disc UFO

An Ohio witness at Girard reported watching and videotaping a “huge, glowing, disc-shaped craft” hovering over a golf course, according to testimony in Case 85012.

The witness and his family were returning home from shopping at 9:32 p.m. on July 7, 2017.

“This was the second sighting two nights in a row for me,” the witness stated. “Because of the sighting I had the night before, I was being extremely observant of the skies. It was almost dark, but the sun was setting and the sky was clear with no cloud cover. We turned the corner off Liberty Street that runs parallel with the golf course. As soon as you turn onto this road you have a clear view of the golf course and the skies above it and as soon as I looked up there was a huge glowing, disc-shaped craft just hovering above the golf course.”

The craft was just a short distance from the witness.

“By my estimation it was hovering just above the club house at the time we turned the corner. As we made our way down the street to our house, the craft seem to move closer towards the houses that lined the third hole of the course.”

The witness stopped his vehicle when they reached the school on their right with the craft on their left.

“I immediately froze at first, having been shaken already from the event the night before. I couldn’t believe it was

happening again. The size of the craft was huge. Probably about 300 feet long. It was pulsating lights of yellow and red around it and it seemed to make no sound.”

The witness parked his car to inspect the “massive disk-shaped” craft.

“We stood there for about 10 minutes. I took my phone out to get a video because the night before my phone wouldn’t work around the objects and I wanted to try again. This time I was able to get about 18 seconds on video before the craft started to move towards us even more and when it moves overhead of the homes on the course my phone shut down again.”

The object frightened his family.

“This thing scared my daughter and my girlfriend. You can hear them on the video getting scared when it seemed liked the craft was reacting to me filming it. After my phone shut down we got in the car and I took my family home to be safe. I dropped them off and I proceeded to follow the craft on foot throughout the neighborhood. It flew directly over the tree line of the house on the golf course for about another 10 minutes at a very slow speed. Then all of a sudden, I could hear a helicopter and jets coming from the Air Force Base in Vienna. As soon as I heard the first jet, the craft took off to the northwest almost toward Cleveland. I then saw a bright flash that looked like lighting and the craft was gone. The sky was then littered with planes and helicopters flying in circles around the Liberty/Girard area. This event shook me to my core. There were also about four other cars slowing on the road looking at this object as it flew by. It was amazing and frightening at the same time. We live in a very small, quiet town and my neighborhood is a lot of young families. So to see this object so close to the house and the ground two nights in a row was very strange indeed.”

Ohio MUFON Field Investigator Joseph Pavlansky closed this case as an Unknown Aerial Vehicle.

“Google Earth was used to locate the sighting area and any locations pertinent to the case,” Pavlansky stated in his report. “The Youngstown-Warren Regional Airport/Vienna Air Base is located approximately seven miles to the north-north east of the sighting location. This is the second report from this witness in two days, in the same area. Both sightings had caused a loss of power to his cell phone, and both days the object(s) were chased away by helicopters and airplanes, most likely coming from the Youngstown-Warren Regional Airport/Vienna Air Base.

“The video shows an object hovering, with what appears to be two white lights. The witness recording it seemed excited, while a female and child in the background seemed concerned and scared. After reviewing the CMS report and researching several databases, I have determined this case to be a sighting of an object of unknown origin.”

Girard is a city in Trumbull County, Ohio, population 9,958.



Still image from the witness video. (Credit: MUFON)

Canadian witness videotapes large orb

A Canadian witness at Squamish British Columbia reported watching a “large orb move across the sky and into the woods with no sound,” according to testimony in Case 85446.

The witness is part of a group documenting UFO activity in 11 countries and were outside at 10:59 p.m. on July 22, 2017.

“We were there with night vision, thermal, full spectrum, infrared and visible cameras and EMF detector for the documentary project ‘Making Contact: Be Inspired,’” the witness stated. “Three of us were at this location to continue the same work with all the photographic and video equipment, cameras & scopes. We were just east of Squamish, BC, Canada on the Mamquam River Forest Service Road just north of ‘The Chief,’ a granite monolith, the second biggest in the world of this kind, which is considered sacred by the local indigenous people.”

The group went to this location because earlier in the day they were speaking with local people who said orbs have been spotted in the past over and near the mountain.

“We had driven around the whole area to find this somewhat private spot to view the mountain. I had turned the recording off on all the cameras to check the batteries, how much was left on the cards, etc and was just casually standing around talking to the others when one member of our group asked, ‘Is that a plane?’ It was exactly 10:59 p.m. So just in case it wasn’t a plane, I went to the tripod quickly, hit the record button of the night vision scope fast and found the object in the screen. There wasn’t any time to turn to do anything else, like hitting the record button of the other cameras on the tripod as I wanted to make sure to keep my eye on the screen of the night vision and follow it.”

The group was able to capture 32 seconds of video before the object totally disappeared into the deep woods.

“While I watched it go across the sky evenly and on a straight path and into the woods, I noticed right away that trees in the foreground blocked out the light, while the trees behind the orb were lit up very brightly. You can hear me in the video saying, ‘oh,’ because when I saw the trees behind it being lit, and there was no sound, I knew this was no airplane. We were all quite excited and exhilarated over what we had seen and replayed the video many times to study it and confirm to ourselves that we had something special here. We had arrived at 5 p.m. that night and left at 2 a.m. the following morning, with this object the only out of place thing being seen.”

Canadian MUFON Chief Investigator Dave Palachik closed this case as an Unknown – Other.

“I have meet and spoke to the witness and his team,” Palachik wrote in his report. “All witnesses are credible and observe with focused details. The video is the original. A copy of the event was also posted on YouTube by the witness. This is a clearest video so far this year of an orb in Canada.

“Further analysis of the video plus Google Earth calculations and the statement from the witnesses have determined that the orb is between six & eight feet in diameter and was moving approximately at 18 to 20 kph in a straight, horizontal path. The team lost site of the orb when it disappeared further into the trees and did not observe a landing or fading out of the light/orb.”

Squamish is a community and a district municipality in the Canadian province of British Columbia, population 19,893.



Witness image. (Credit: MUFON)

UFO turns up in Croatian island photo

A Croatia witness at Korcula reporting finding an unexplained object in a photo when reviewing images, according to testimony in Case 85884.

The witness stopped her vehicle to take a photo at 8:21 a.m. on August 8, 2017.

“It has live photo and makes two pictures in one second,” the witness stated. “In my iPhone, I’m able to click to each photo and then a have a few frames to see before the final photo is shown (like a mini video, a cool feature). And that was it.”

A few days later, the witness was searching for the best images to post on Facebook.

“I notice something strange. I have two pictures. One is normal and on the other it pops up some flying object from nowhere. I was confused because I didn’t remember that I saw something like that when I took the shot. I was concentrating to make a nice photo. There was a lot of sun and I wanted to make it quick because I was at the road with my car. The photos were taken just outside the town of Korcula, with a nice view to the Monastery of St. Nikola. Both photos are taken in a fraction of a second and has this ‘video effect’ so it is very clear that a UFO on second photo appears out of nowhere.”

CAG Investigator Robert Spearing for MUFON International

closed this case as an Unknown Aerial Vehicle.

“There are only two possible conclusions as the photo is legitimate,” Spearing stated in his report. “It is either a mirage or some sort of unknown flying vehicle.

“The photo had characteristics of a mirage. It is over water and low to the horizon. It could be a car on the nearby road where the photo was taken. The mirage argument falls apart because the mirage was only seen for a second in a camera only. It would have lasted longer if it were a real mirage and would have been seen clearly by the photographer when framing the shot with her own eyes.

“It is hard to imagine a perfectly clear photo of an object the appeared out of nowhere in one second suggesting it was traveling at incredible speed. It should be a blur, therefore compounding the mystery of the object/vehicle, it appears that it was stationary. How? are we seeing something inter-dimensional or only visible on film? We will probably never know the answer.

“The conclusion is that the photo defies description and is legitimate.”

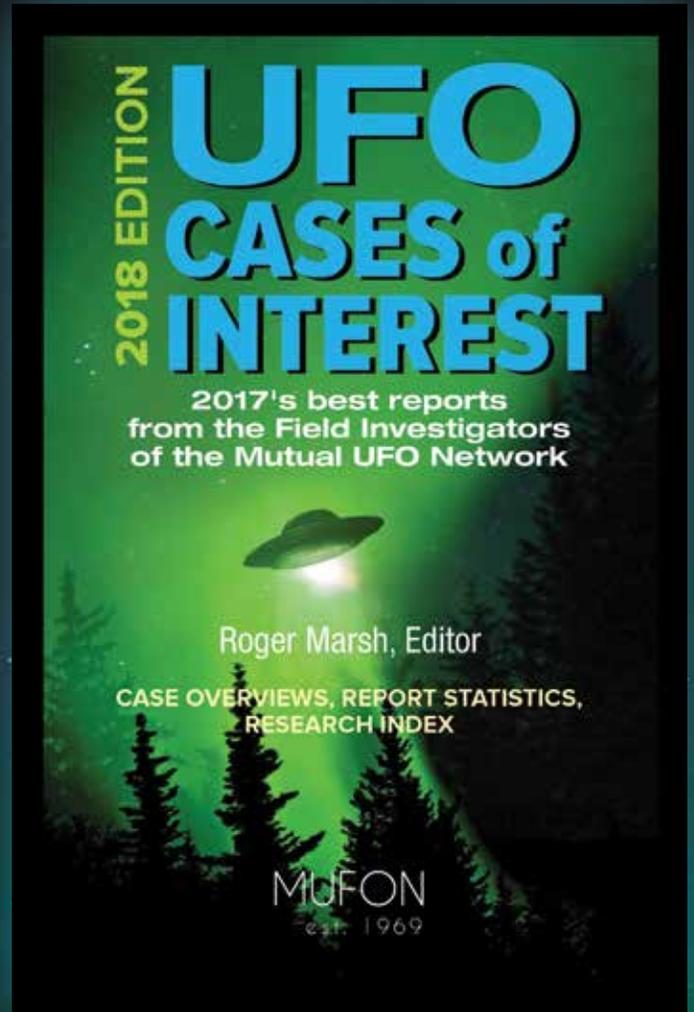
Korcula is a Croatian island in the Adriatic Sea, population 15,522.

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