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Sheriff Seeks Man Hit By 'Ray Of Light'

HEBER (AP) — The Navajo County Sheriff's Office said yesterday it was investigating the disappearance of a Snowflake man who purportedly was struck by a "ray of bluish light from a hovering object."

Sheriff Martin Gillespie said lie-detector tests will be given to six men who reported the disappearance of Travis Walton, 22, Wednesday evening.

The men, who were not identified, told the sheriff's office that Walton disappeared from the Turkey Springs area in the Sixgreaves-Apache Forest near here after they had thinned some trees.

Walton left a truck that all seven were riding in and ran after a lighted object hovering near the road, the men said. They claimed he was struck by a ray of light from the object, and they then left the area, only to return minutes later and find no trace of him.

The sheriff's office said a search of the area Thursday found no trace of Walton or the object. The six men, all from Snowflake, will be tested by a polygraph expert early next week, Gillespie said.

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Lie Test Given Six In Ray Of Light Case

HOLBROOK (AP) — Six men began undergoing lie-detector tests yesterday on their story that a companion disappeared last week when he was struck by a ray of light from an unidentified flying object.

The tests, which the men submitted to voluntarily, were expected to last into the night, and Navajo County Sheriff Martin Gillespie said he didn't expect the results until today at the earliest. A state Dept. of Public Safety expert gave the tests.

The missing man, Travis Walton, 22, of Snowflake lived alone and had been interested "for a number of years" in UFO's, as are his mother and an older brother, Gillespie said.

A search on foot, horseback and helicopter was mounted for Walton after he was reported missing last Wednesday evening, but the sheriff's department said it turned up no trace of him.

According to the six men he was with, Walton walked from a truck toward a lighted object in a forested area and was struck by "a ray of bluish light." The purported incident occurred in the Turkey Springs area, about 12 miles south of Heber, after Walton and the other men had finished trimming trees.

Gillespie said the six men — Michael Rogers, Kenneth Peterson, Allen Dalis, Dwayne Smith, Jessie Pierce and John Goulette, all from Snowflake and in their 20s — "appear to be very sincere in what they're saying. . . . I see no reason to disbelieve their story. They all showed quite a bit of fear at going back into the area where this occurred."

He said the men told him that they saw Walton "apparently being struck" by the ray of light, "and it knocked him backwards and onto the ground on his back. In fact, they said the thing raised him off the ground and sort of threw him on his back." The men said they were all still in the truck, about 25 yards away, at the time, Gillespie said.

"When they saw this occur, the driver of the truck, Michael Rogers, just apparently stuck it in gear and took off," the sheriff said. A quarter-mile away, the men said they saw "a streak of light go over the top of the trees from the area where they had just been. They went back to the scene but were unable to lo-

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Arizona man reportedly carried off in spacecraft 'in a ray of bluish light'

HOLBROOK, Ariz. (AP) — The mother of a man who reportedly vanished "in a ray of bluish light" after chasing an unidentified flying object says he son was carried off in a spacecraft.

Mrs. Mary Kellet said Monday night that further search for her son, Travis Walton, 22, would be futile.

Her views were given to reporters by another son, Duane Walton, who lived in nearby Snowflake, disappeared last Wednesday after leaving work with six other woodcutters in the Saguaves-Apache National Forest. His six companions said Walton jumped from their truck when he saw a light overhead and followed it down the forest road.

Moments later, the men said, the light ray struck him and he vanished.

Navajo County Sheriff Marlin Gillespie said all six men told the same story. All were undergoing voluntary lie detector tests given by the State Department of Public Safety, and Gillespie said they should be completed today. But Gillespie said he doubted that the results would be made public "at least for now."

One woodcutter who took the test Monday said he was told "unofficially" that he passed it.

Gillespie said a ground search aided by a helicopter combed the forest but found no trace of the missing man.

Kenneth Peterson, 25, one of Walton's companions, said all the men were frightened by what they saw.

"It kind of lifted him up off the ground," said Peterson.

"His arms were outstretched and he was knocked to the ground."

Peterson said he and the others sped away in fear, but returned 15 minutes later and found Walton and the hovering object gone.

Gillespie, who describes himself as a UFO skeptic, concedes there's a chance the story might be true.

"We have not been able to find anything to discount their story," he said.

The men all came voluntarily to Holbrook, in northeast Arizona, to take the test.

Gillespie identified them as Michael Rogers, 23, Snowflake, head of the tree-thinning project under a Forest Service contract; Allen Dalis, 21, Phoenix; Dwayne Smith, 19, Glendale; Steve Pierce, 17, Snowflake; Peterson, and John Goulette, 21, Glendale.

Rogers said the polygraph operator told him unofficially that both he and Dalis passed the lie-detector test.

Gillespie said the men remain insistent about what they saw and their stories have not changed. Nor are their discrepancies between them, he said.

The sheriff said he is convinced that the men had not used intoxicants that night.

"It's an interesting case, but exasperating," Gillespie said.

If the polygraph tests show the men to be telling the truth, he said they will probably under truth serum tests and

hypnosis. He said the men have agreed to further tests.

Goulette described the object as about 15 feet in diameter and 3 to 10 feet thick. He said it was about 15 feet above the ground and about 20 yards from their truck. It had no windows, but had what appeared to be darker "dividers" outlined in a dim, yellowish glow, he said.

The beam came out of the bottom of the object "in a saucer shape just like you'd see in a movie," Goulette said, adding,

"It hit him like a jolt."

Ray Jordan, a U.S. Geological Survey photogrammetrist in Flagstaff and an investigator for the National investigations Committee on Aerial Phenomena, a private group, said, "Basically, all the witnesses are telling the same story."

"I haven't found anything to indicate a hoax," said Jordan, who visited the scene Saturday.

"The young men I've interviewed so far are all visibly shaken by the experience," he said. "I'm inclined to believe they're telling the truth."

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A new puzzle for flying saucer followers

HOLBROOK, Ariz. (AP) — Flying saucer fans have a new mystery to puzzle over a man who reportedly vanished in a "bluish ray of light" returned to earth and was hospitalized.

Meantime, five of his six companions passed a lie detector test, prompting Sheriff Marlin Gillespie to say, "I'm nearly stumped now."

Travis Walton, 22, was found this week on the floor

of a phone booth in the White Mountain town of Heber, not far from where he vanished. His brother Duane, 26, of Phoenix, said he got the call and took Travis to a hospital, reportedly in Tucson, about 250 miles southwest of here. The only report given about Travis's condition was that he appeared "confused and hurting."

Man Says Brother Spent 5 Days On UFO

By KEN BURTON
Star Staff Writer

A Phoenix man said yesterday that he found his brother near Heber after an alien spaceship had kept the brother on board for five days.

Duane Walton said his brother, Travis, said the ship was piloted by silent, smiling humanoids who refused to give

him food or water but let him sleep for long periods.

Duane said he found his 22-year-old brother near the east-central Arizona community after the spacecraft dropped him off at the end of his odyssey.

He said his brother was taken to a Tucson hospital yesterday "at his own request, to get some rest and undergo

some tests." He would not say which hospital.

According to Duane, Travis' journey began last Wednesday, when he and six other woodcutters in the Sitgreaves-Apache National Forest spotted a light overhead. He leaped from a truck, followed the light down a road and vanished when struck by a "bluish" beam, the other woodcutters said.

Navajo County Sheriff Marlin Gilles-

pie said he is convinced that the six men were not intoxicated, and that they have not wavered from their account of what happened. Dept. of Public Safety agents gave them lie-detector tests Monday, and though the DPS has not released the findings, Duane Walton said one examiner told him "unofficially" that all six had "passed."

Duane Walton said he found his *(Continued on Page 11A, Col. 7)*

Phoenix Man Says Brother Spent Five Days On UFO

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brother crumpled in a telephone booth outside a closed service station near Heber.

Duane said Travis appeared about 10 pounds lighter and looked tired.

"He was on a UFO for five days and did have some contact with alien beings," said Duane. "I'm not a UFO buff and neither is my brother. I'm convinced he's telling the truth. He's never lied in his life, never even played a practical joke."

Travis, according to Duane, described his captors as human-like in appearance. None spoke during the journey, and, he later said he was "frustrated" because he could not remember where the spaceship had come from.

He was not physically abused or, to his knowledge, examined in any way, he said.

At the end of his journey, Travis was

dropped off about a mile outside of Heber, and managed to hike to the telephone booth where he called his brother, who lives in Phoenix.

"He had a great experience," Duane told Navajo County Undersheriff Ken Coplan, adding that his brother only wants a brief rest and then will be ready to make a full statement on his travels. Travis is to hold a news conference in Phoenix Friday.

Coral Lorenzen of the Tucson-based Aerial Phenomena Research Organization, a group that catalogues and investigates UFO sightings, said Travis' account is the 10th reported abduction of a human by a UFO.

Sheriff Gillespie, who describes himself as a UFO skeptic, said he is not overlooking the possibility that the account could be a hoax — but he said, "We have not been able to find anything to discount their story."

later admits this was a lie!

Six Saw UFO 'Kidnap'

Take Lie Detector Test In UFO Incident

HEBER, Ariz. (UPI) — Six Forest Service employees who reported their coworker vanished when he was hit by a beam of light from an unidentified flying object voluntarily submitted to polygraph examinations yesterday.

Navajo County Sheriff Marvin Gillespie said the results of the lie detector tests may not be made public. He said he might give the test results to the mother of Travis Walton, 22, the man reported to have vanished, and she could do with them as she pleased.

HOLBROOK, Ariz. (AP) — Six men who told authorities that a companion disappeared after he was struck by a ray of light from a strange object will undergo voluntary lie detector tests today, the Navajo County sheriff's office said.

Meanwhile, a search has failed to turn up any trace of Travis Walton, 22, of Snowflake, authorities said.

Walton disappeared last Wednesday after he had finished trimming trees with the other men in a forest near this northeastern Arizona town. Companions said Walton ran from a truck they had been riding in toward a lighted object and was struck by "a ray of bluish light."

(Walton's aunt, Betty Humphrey, 53, of 4136 51st St., San Diego, said she has no logical explanation.

(She said her sister told her Walton's co-workers told of seeing something 30 feet in diameter and 15 feet high with two green lights and another strong beam or ray of light.

"They said he disappeared in a cloud of smoke under the UFO," she said. "After they reported it, they went back with bloodhounds but there was nothing there."

'In A State Of Shock'

(She said one of the six companions of Walton "was in a state of shock.")

Sheriff's Deputy Ken Coplan said he had talked with Mike Rogers, the contractor Walton was working for, and some of the other five men about the incident.

"I don't know what to believe," Coplan said. "Personally, I can't believe the story, but I've talked to the guys and I can't believe they're lying... they're so sincere."

A search by horseback and helicopter Saturday and yesterday covered a five-mile area around the site where Walton was last seen but uncovered nothing, Coplan said.

Started Laughing, But . . .

("When my sister (Mary Kellert, 56, of Snowflake) called and said Travis had disappeared on a UFO, I started laughing," she said. "But it's no joke . . . He never played practical jokes and had no reason to disappear."

'VICTIM' SNUBS LIE TEST, UFO TALE CALLED HOAX

PHOENIX (AP) — A northern Arizona woodcutter's story of being abducted by a spacecraft last week was branded a hoax yesterday when he failed to show up for a lie detector test.

Travis Walton, 22, of Snowflake, who claimed to have been taken aboard a hovering craft Nov. 5, missed his 9 a.m. appointment with a Department of Public Safety polygraph technician.

"As of now this office and the Department of Public Safety will not be conducting any further examinations," said Navajo County Sheriff Marlin Gillespie.

Walton was one of a crew of seven timber trimmers working in the Apache-Sitgreaves National Forest when he allegedly was spirited away aboard a hovering craft. His companions, five of whom passed the polygraph test, told authorities that Walton leaped from their pickup truck to follow the light from an overhead object.

They said he vanished in a "ray of bluish light."

ALL ARE UPI OR AP DISPATCHES

UFO 'Victim' Claims Being 'On A Craft'

HOLBROOK, Ariz. (AP) — The brother of Travis Walton, who disappeared after he was reportedly struck by a ray of light while pursuing an unidentified flying object, said yesterday Walton had been "on a craft of some sort" and had contact with strange creatures. The brother, Duane Walton, said he had found Travis, 22, and he was in a hospital, but refused to say where.

Meanwhile, Navajo County Sheriff Marlin Gillespie said five men who claimed they had seen Travis Walton struck by a ray of light last week in northeast Arizona had passed a lie-detector test. But Gillespie said he still wanted to speak with Walton himself.

POSSIBLE HOAX

The sheriff has described both brothers and their mother as longtime students of UFO's. He also said he had "not overlooked the possibility" the story is a hoax.

Duane Walton, 28, of Phoenix told a reporter Travis "was on a craft of some sort. He had contact with beings of two different . . . natures.

"They were just two different types of people," Duane Walton said. "They were very much like people. There was no speech, contact, either physical or mental."

Travis Walton disappeared last Wednesday evening. His six companions said he left the truck they were riding in near Heber to pursue an unidentified flying object in the woods.

RAY OF LIGHT

The men said they were still in the truck about 25 yards away when Walton was struck by "a ray of bluish light." They said they drove off frightened, but returned shortly afterward and found no trace of Walton.

Gillespie said Duane Walton called him twice yesterday to say he had found his brother. The sheriff said Walton told him in the morning phone call that he had found Travis in a "confused" state of mind, slumped in a phone booth in Heber, after Travis had called the family about midnight Monday. Duane Walton told the sheriff he had put his brother in a Tucson hospital.

In an afternoon call, Duane said Travis "was in a hospital under medical attention, but he refused to say where," the sheriff said.

Victim Tells Of Creatures Aboard UFO

PHOENIX (UPI) — A story of being examined by creatures with no hair and dressed in tight-fitting blue coveralls was told yesterday by a man who vanished for five days after allegedly encountering a flying saucer.

Travis Walton, 22, told his story to Navajo County Sheriff Marlin Gillespie at a meeting arranged by Walton's brother, Duane. Gillespie declined to specify the location of the meeting, but said it was not in a hospital.

A spokesman from the sheriff's office revealed the story Travis Walton told Gillespie, who had returned to Holbrook, Ariz.

NOT AWARE OF RAY

Walton said he remembered getting out of a pickup, occupied by six other men, and running toward an object hovering above the ground in the Apache-Sitgreaves Forest south of Heber, Ariz., the night of Nov. 5.

He said he did not remember being struck by a ray of blue light, as described by persons who were with him, but that he was hit on the head. He said when he awoke, he was on a table being examined by creatures with no hair, dressed in the blue coveralls. Walter said the creatures "never made a sound" and that he saw no weapons.

He said he next remembered lying on a road about one-fourth of a mile from Heber and seeing a spacecraft speeding away.

The sheriff said Walton requested a polygraph test.

BELIEVES SOME

"I believe the story up to the point where Walton was zapped by a streak of light," Gillespie was quoted as saying. "I believe he and the other men did see some kind of object. From that point, I don't know what to think."

Duane Walton said his brother would talk to the news media when able, probably sometime this weekend.

Travis Walton was found Tuesday morning when Duane and his brother-in-law, Grant Neff, reported they found him in a phone booth in Heber after he had telephoned Neff.

The six men who were with Walton when he vanished took polygraph tests. Gillespie said results of five were positive, meaning they were telling the truth. Results of the sixth test were inconclusive, Gillespie said.

Lie-Detector Test Planned

Navajo County Sheriff Doubts Man's Tale Of Ride In UFO

HOLBROOK (AP) — The Navajo County Sheriff's Office expressed skepticism yesterday about a young woodcutter's story that he was taken for a ride in a spacecraft when he disappeared a week ago in east-central Arizona.

Travis Walton, 22, Snowflake, who was questioned about his story when he met with Sheriff Marlin Gillespie at an undisclosed location in Phoenix Tuesday, has volunteered to take a lie-detector test, Undersheriff Ken Coplan said.

"He wants to take it after he has had a chance to recuperate," Coplan said. He said the test might be held as early as tomorrow but will probably be delayed until early next week.

Gillespie, who drove to Phoenix to meet Walton, was unavailable for comment, but Coplan said the sheriff was "quite skeptical about Walton's story. And I don't believe it at all."

The sheriff's office has been besieged with phone calls from reporters and flying saucer buffs across the country. Coplan said one reporter for a London newspaper came to Holbrook to learn more details. Walton, an older

brother and their mother have been described by the sheriff as longtime students of UFOs.

A day earlier, however, the brother, Duane, said that neither he nor his brother is a UFO buff.

Coplan said the sheriff believed Walton's six companions when they said they saw "or at least thought they saw," Walton struck by a ray of light in the forest south of Heber while pursuing an unidentified flying object the evening of Nov. 5. Five of the six men passed a voluntary lie-detector test and the result on the sixth man was inconclusive.

But Coplan said of Walton's part of the story that "there are too many things that indicate to me it was a put-up deal. I don't know how it was brought off, but I just can't buy the story."

Meanwhile, Duane Walton, who said he found Walton early Tuesday slumped in a phone booth in Heber, told a reporter:

"He was on the craft, asleep most of the time. He encountered two kinds of creatures, one human, one almost human. He saw different kinds of craft. They put him to sleep by placing an oxygen mask-like device over his face."

Walton said his brother was resting somewhere in the Phoenix area but refused to say where. He admitted he had lied to authorities Tuesday when he said he had taken Travis to a Tucson hospital, saying he had done so to prevent law enforcement authorities from "harassing" his brother.

Duane Walton also angrily defended his brother against doubts expressed by a Phoenix expert on UFOs. Bill Spaulding, director of Ground Saucer Watch, said his group interviewed Travis at its headquarters here.

But Duane Walton "accused us of being negative after we questioned him about a couple of holes in the story" and then took his brother away, Spaulding said.

Duane Walton reportedly first agreed to permit his brother to be questioned by Dr. J. Allen Hynek, an astronomer and UFO expert. But Duane Walton later changed his mind and said his brother "isn't ready yet."

Gillespie said his doubts about Travis' story were based on a generalized feeling about the interview and not on any contradictions in his statements. The sheriff said he would await the outcome of the polygraph test before making further judgment. He said Travis emphatically denied that his story is a hoax.

Navajo County Undersheriff Kenneth Coplan said he believes the story is a hoax. He noted that Walton and the six witnesses who say they saw the UFO all had seen an Oct. 30 television movie based on a similar incident.

Doubts Persist On UFO

Woodcutter Faces Polygraph Today

PHOENIX (AP) — Doubts as to the truth of a story told by a Northern Arizona woodcutter that he was abducted by an unidentified flying object grew yesterday.

Navajo County Sheriff Marlin Gillespie said his interview with Travis Walton, 22, of Snowflake, raised doubts in his mind about the man's story.

Gillespie met with Walton, the man who allegedly was abducted, late Tuesday night in Phoenix.

Walton disappeared after an alleged encounter with a UFO near Heber, in Northern Arizona Nov. 5. He reportedly appeared Tuesday in a Heber telephone booth. Since then his whereabouts have been kept secret by relatives, and Gillespie is apparently the only law enforcement official to interview him.

The sheriff said Walton will take a polygraph test today as a step toward proving or disproving his story.

Five of six woodcutters who said they witnessed the UFO encounter have passed lie detector tests. The sixth test was inconclusive.

William Spaulding, head of Ground-Saucer Watch, a Phoenix-based UFO investigation group, said some evidence of an alleged encounter was found at the site.

But Gillespie said that no one saw Walton disappear into the UFO. The witnesses left the scene in fright and returned about 15 minutes later. He said law enforcement officers were not called to the scene until about three hours later, which would have given Walton time to hide.

Walton and his brother Duane, 26, of Glendale, and their mother, Mrs. Mary Kellel of Snowflake, are self-described UFO enthusiasts who have professed a desire to take a trip in a UFO.

'He Was Hallucinating'

Hypnotist Calls UFO Story A Hoax

PHOENIX (AP) — An expert on hypnotism said yesterday he believes a Northern Arizona man's tale of a flying-saucer abduction was drug-induced.

Dr. Lester H. Steward, director of the Modern Hypnosis Instruction Center in Phoenix, said 22-year-old Travis Walton's story "is an absolute hoax." Steward was one of two men who interviewed Walton, a 22-year-old woodcutter who lives in Snowflake.

"He was hallucinating on some drug, probably LSD," Steward said. "I can take you to the Arizona State Hospital and show you these same types. I work with them, and I say this is a hoax."

Navajo County Sheriff Martin Gillespie also termed it a hoax Friday after Walton failed to show up for a lie-detector test which was to have been given by a Dept. of Public Safety technician.

Gillespie had been a consistent doubter, telling newsmen that Walton, his brother Duane, 26, and mother, Mrs. Mary

Kaliet, were all strong believers in the theory that unidentified flying objects were spacecraft from other worlds.

Walton was described by his brother as "befuddled and confused" when he found him in a telephone booth in Heber, a White Mountain community not far from the forest where Walton reportedly vanished.

Steward said the Waltons stalled off the hypnosis experiments which had been agreed upon and demanded a thorough physical examination for Travis. When he finally agreed to pay the costs, Steward said, the Waltons left his office "hurriedly," and his only contact with them since has been two telephone calls.

Walton disappeared Nov. 5 in a pine forest area near Heber, a few miles from his home. Six other men said they saw him disappear into a blue ray of light.

After he reappeared five days later, his whereabouts has been kept secret by relatives and Gillespie, who apparently was the only law-enforcement official to interview him.

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7th Man To Get Lie Test About Time In Spaceship

Chicago Tribune Dispatch

HOLBROOK CITY, Ariz. — A UFO encounter story is told by six young men who have submitted to voluntary lie detector tests — and passed. The seventh plans to take a test today.

The story involves a 15-foot flying saucer, a blue lightning bolt, and mysterious hairless beings who allegedly took a seventh young man aboard the saucer to examine him.

DEPUTY SHERIFF Ken Coplan, an 18-year veteran of the Navajo County sheriff's office in Holbrook City, told the Chicago Tribune:

"The lie tests indicate all six of the men believe the story they tell."

The seventh young man — who disappeared for five days after the "blue bolt" hit him while his companions watched — turned up around midnight Monday after a three-day search.

HIS NAME is Travis Walton, 22, and he and his companions tell the following story:

About 5:30 p.m. Nov. 5, they were driving from a job as forestry workers in an area called the Mongollon Rim, about 180 miles southeast of the Grand Canyon.

Suddenly, in a clearing, they saw a saucer-shaped UFO, about 15 feet in diameter and about 10 feet high.

They stopped and Walton jumped off and started to run toward the object.

AS HE approached, there was a blue flash and Walton disappeared.

His companions, astonished,

drove off. About 30 minutes later they returned for another look. They found nothing.

That is when they reported Walton missing.

Monday, all the other men volunteered to take lie detector tests, which showed they believed they were telling the truth.

THAT NIGHT, Walton telephoned his family from Heber, Ariz., about 12 miles from where he disappeared and asked them to get him.

Walton told sheriff's deputies he remembers walking toward the UFO, and being "knocked out." He said he regained consciousness "in a room like a hospital room, on a white table."

He said he was "being examined by three men dressed in tight fitting blue clothing," men who had no hair.

THE THREE examined him silently, then left. Walton said he jumped off the table and ran into an adjoining room where he found "a lot of buttons."

When he pushed one "the whole room turned around and I could see the stars."

With that, he remembers, a man wearing a clear, goldfish bowl-like helmet entered, took him by the arm, and led him to "a large enclosure" in which he could see "several spaceships." Walton said he was put on another table, an oxygen-mask type device was put over his face, and he immediately lost consciousness.

WHEN HE woke up, he said, he was sitting on a highway outside Heber.

Walton has volunteered to take a lie test today in Holbrook City, Deputy Coplan said.

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WOODSMEN WARNED ON SPACE VISITORS

The U.S. Forest Service regional office in San Francisco has issued instructions for foresters to stay clear of unidentified flying objects (UFOs) and suggests the woodsmen carry loaded cameras to photograph them.

But it's not clear if the instructions are tongue-in-cheek or for real. They appeared in "Hot Sheet," a forestry news bulletin that has been posted in district offices and requests photos of UFOs, either real or faked, be submitted to "California Log," a newspaper published every two weeks by the San Francisco office.

The Forest Service "Hot Sheet" described a Nov. 5 incident in Arizona when a forest thinning crew of seven men, none Forest Service personnel, reportedly saw a UFO hovering over a road. One man reported he was zapped by the UFO and disappeared for six days. The story has been labeled a hoax by Arizona investigators.

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Q. Is there life on other planets?

A. God is the creator of all things, visible and invisible. "All things were made by him; and without him was not anything made that was made" (John 1:3).

While the Bible does not specifically tell us about life on other planets, it does emphasize that God is ruler of the entire universe. If therefore, there is life on other planets it has been created by God, and any life to which God has given a soul is morally responsible to Him, just as we are.

There is, incidentally, no Biblical grounds for the current pseudo-scientific fad which claims human life on this planet came from other planets through ancient spaceships.

While it is fascinating to speculate on these things, the emphasis of the Bible is on life on this planet, and the need all humans have for forgiveness and salvation through Christ, God's only Son.

I do believe the Bible implies life on other planets. In my own mind I am convinced of this.

UFO--(Exclusive)--Attn: National editors

By Peter Reich

Chicago Tribune

(Undated)--Travis Walton, 22, who says he was taken aboard a UFO in Arizona earlier this month, is not lying, several scientists who have examined him agree.

Mrs. Coral Lorenzen, of Tucson, Ariz., secretary-treasurer of APRO, the Aerial Phenomena Research Organization, told The Chicago Tribune: "From the evidence at hand, we don't see how any hoax could have been perpetrated. We are convinced that something quite bizarre happened to Travis."

A team of experts, including a psychiatrist and a hypnotist, checked out Travis, and concluded that he was not lying when he told of seeing a saucer-shaped UFO (Unidentified flying object), running toward it, blacking out, and awakening inside the craft, where several strange-looking creatures were examining him.

The psychiatrist, Dr. Gary Rosenbaum, of Durango, Colo., says he and others performed "a comprehensive battery of psychiatric and medical exams," on Travis. In a press release, Dr. Rosenbaum declared: "Our conclusion, which was absolute, is that this young man is not lying, that there is no collusion involved.

"The results of psychiatric tests and hypnosis show he really believes these things, that he is not lying."

And he said urinalysis and blood tests indicated Travis is not a drug user.

Also examining Travis was Dr. James Harder, APRO's research director, who is a civil engineer at the University of California at Berkeley, and a hypnotist.

Mrs. Lorenzen said that under hypnosis, Travis provided details about the "humanoid" creatures aboard the UFO that "match unpublished descriptions we have received from other persons who have had similar experiences."

She also said that APRO examiners asked the six fellow forestry workers who say they saw Travis run towards a saucer-shaped UFO last Nov. 5 to draw pictures of the craft, "and all the pictures match."

The six men with Travis--Michael Rogers, 28; Ken Peterson, 26; Duane Smith, 17; and Allen Dells, 20, all of Snowflake, Ariz., and two unidentified men from the Phoenix area--all volunteered to take lie tests after reports what they saw to the Navajo County sheriff's department.

Five of the six passed the tests, administered by the Arizona Public Safety Department. The sixth test was inconclusive, because the subject was overly agitated, the examiner said.

Rogers, foreman of the crew with which Travis worked, told The Tribune he was driving the dual-cab pickup truck in which Travis and the others were riding when they spotted the UFO on Nov. 5. Rogers said:

"There were seven of us--four in back, three in front. We spotted this thing in a clearing, about 25 yards from the road. It looked like two pie pans, one upside down, hovering about 15 feet above the ground.

"It was about 15 feet in diameter, about 8 feet high, and it had some markings, but they were too complicated to describe.

"It was glowing all over--a yellowish white.

we don't see how any hoax could have been perpetrated. We are convinced that something quite bizarre happened to Travis."

A team of experts, including a psychiatrist and a hypnotist, checked out Travis, and concluded that he was not lying when he told of seeing a saucer-shaped UFO (Unidentified flying object), running toward it, blacking out, and awakening inside the craft, where several strange-looking creatures were examining him.

The psychiatrist, Dr. Gary Rosenbaum, of Durango, Colo., says he and others performed "a comprehensive battery of psychiatric and medical exams," on Travis. In a press release, Dr. Rosenbaum declared: "Our conclusion, which was absolute, is that this young man is not lying, that there is no collusion involved.

"The results of psychiatric tests and hypnosis show he really believes these things, that he is not lying."

And he said urinalysis and blood tests indicated Travis is not a drug user.

Also examining Travis was Dr. James Harder, APRO's research director, who is a civil engineer at the University of California at Berkeley, and a hypnotist.

Mrs. Lorenzen said that under hypnosis, Travis provided details about the "humanoid" creatures aboard the UFO that "match unpublished descriptions we have received from other persons who have had similar experiences."

She also said that APRO examiners asked the six fellow forestry workers who say they saw Travis run towards a saucer-shaped UFO last Nov. 5 to draw pictures of the craft, "and all the pictures match."

The six men with Travis--Michael Rogers, 28; Ken Peterson, 26; Duane Smith, 17; and Allen Dalis, 20, all of Snowflake, Ariz., and two unidentified men from the Phoenix area--all volunteered to take the tests after reports what they saw to the Navajo County sheriff's department.

Five of the six passed the tests, administered by the Arizona Public Safety Department. The sixth test was inconclusive, because the subject was overly agitated, the examiner said.

Rogers, foreman of the crew with which Travis worked, told The Tribune he was driving the dual-cab pickup truck in which Travis and the others were riding when they spotted the UFO on Nov. 5. Rogers said:

"There were seven of us--four in back, three in front. We spotted this thing in a clearing, about 25 yards from the road. It looked like two pie pans, one upside down, hovering about 15 feet above the ground.

"It was about 15 feet in diameter, about 8 feet high, and it had some markings, but they were too complicated to describe.

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Rogers said Travis jumped from the truck and ran towards the UFO when a bolt of bluish light emanated from the UFO and Travis fell.

"We all panicked and drove off," Rogers said. "When we came back, about 15 minutes later, Travis was gone and there was no sign of the UFO."

The six reported Travis' disappearance to the sheriff's office. A three-day search by nearly 50 men turned up nothing.

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5 Witnesses Pass Lie Test While Claiming . . .

Arizona Man Captured by UFO

In one of the most baffling cases ever recorded, a young laborer was taken aboard a UFO — in full view of six terrified co-workers — and held for five days.

The stunned witnesses readily agreed to take lie-detector tests. Five passed, proving they were telling the truth. The sixth was so nervous that the results of his test were inconclusive.

The abducted man, 22-year-old Travis Walton of Snowflake, Ariz., suddenly disappeared when struck by a dazzling ray from the strange hovering, saucer-shaped object, his fellow workers told police and The ENQUIRER.

In gripping detail, the witnesses described the chilling incident:

Dwayne Smith, 21: "It was a spaceship, there's no doubt of that — and Travis went on it. He got out of our truck, walked toward it — and just vanished!"

Kenneth Peterson, 25: "I saw a bluish light come from the machine and Travis went flying — like he'd touched a hot wire."

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By TONY BRENNAN, JOHN M. CATHCART, CHRIS FULLER, PAUL JENKINS, NICK LONGHURST, ROBERT G. SMITH and JEFF WELLS



SKETCH of hovering UFO drawn by Mike Rogers and Dwayne Smith.

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just vanished! Mike Rogers, who was driving the truck, screamed 'Shut the door!' and gunned past the saucer."

"When we could see the saucer wasn't following us, Mike stopped the truck and we all got out, shouting and screaming at each other with fear in our faces and terror in our hearts. Then we saw a flash in the trees, and figured the saucer was leaving."

"We went back to the spot where the saucer had been . . . but Travis was gone. He went on the spaceship, there's no doubt of that."

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EXPERTS QUIZ abducted man, Travis Walton (center). At left is Dr. Jean Rosenbaum, at right Dr. James Harder.

Dr. Harder that as he approached the craft for a closer look, he was hit by something and suddenly everything went black.

"When I woke up, there was a strong light in my eyes and I had problems focusing. I was panicked because there was a terrible pain in my head and chest," he told Dr. Harder.

"My mind cleared a little and I thought I was in a hospital. I was lying on a table on my back, and these figures were standing over me."

"It was weird. They weren't human — they were creatures."

"They looked like well-developed fetuses to me — they were about 5 feet tall and wore tight-fitting tau-brown robes. Their skin was white like a mushroom and they had no clear features. They made no sounds."

"Their faces had no texture or color, and there was no hair. Their foreheads were domed and their eyes were very large. They had long fingers — but no fingernails."

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And Navajo County (Ariz.) Sheriff Marlin Gillespie stated: "The results of the polygraph examinations show there's no doubt they're telling the truth — right down the line."

"I thought at first there was a very good possibility it was a hoax — but not now. I've been in law enforcement over 18 years and I've never known anything like this. I feel sure that all 6 of them saw a UFO."

Dr. James Harder, professor of engineering at the University of California was elated: "This is the first abduction I know of that was witnessed by other people."

Walton abruptly turned up five days after his disappearance — dehydrated, bewildered and with a curious puncture mark on his right arm.

"I remember waking up on a road about eight miles from where I was picked up by the saucer," the stunned man told The ENQUIRER. "It was near the town of Heber."

"I ran into town as fast as my legs would carry me. I was terrified."

"I rushed into the first phone booth I came to and called my mother, who sent my brother Duane to pick me up. On the way to my mother's home, I told Duane what had happened . . . and to my relief, he believed me."

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"Travis said he remembers seeing the craft take off into the sky," the scientist said.

Dr. Harder, who spent eight hours interviewing Walton and another three hours talking to the witnesses, told The ENQUIRER that "after considering all the known facts" he's convinced Walton was taken aboard an alien craft.

"This is supported by Travis' description of the creatures, which exactly matches a description given in another, unpublicized UFO encounter a few hundred miles away three months earlier," he said. "My conclusion is that we must add this case to the dozen or more cases of reported abductions."

Details of the other UFO encounter to which Dr. Harder referred were revealed to The ENQUIRER by Jim Lorenzen, head of the Aerial Phenomena Research Organization.

"It happened in New Mexico," said Lorenzen. "A man

was out alone on the desert watching a meteor shower when a saucer-shaped craft suddenly dropped out of the sky near him.

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"There was no hoax involved. He really believes he was abducted by a UFO."

"But my evaluation of the boy's story is that although he believes this is what happened, it was all in his own mind. I feel he suffered from a combination of imagination and amnesia — that he did not go on a UFO, but simply was wandering around during the period of his disappearance."

"But I'm unable to account for five witnesses having the same story and passing the lie-detector tests."

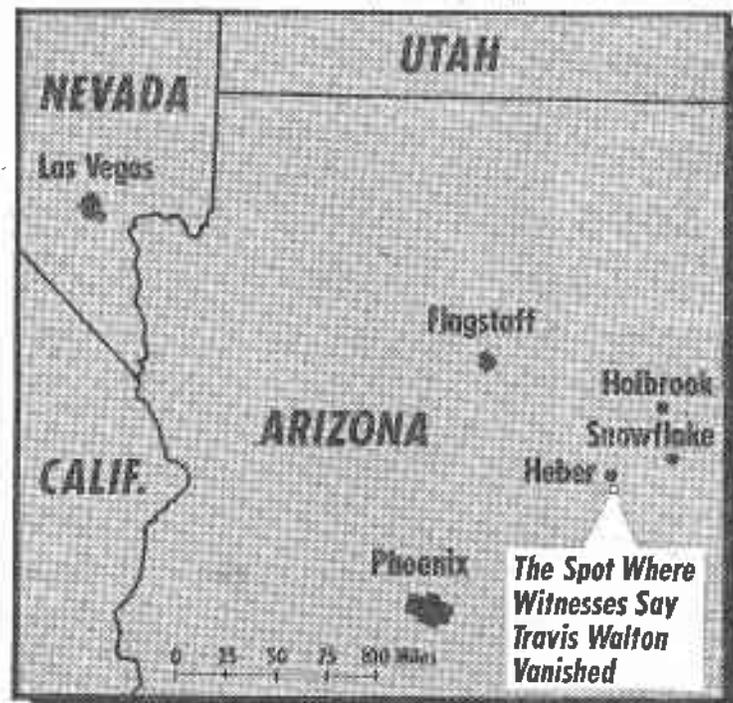
Dr. Howard Kandell, who examined Walton 15 hours after his reappearance, expressed doubt that the young man had simply been wandering around.

"Although he lost weight from water evaporation, he was obviously well-nourished when he was brought to my office," said the physician.

"A sample of urine I tested supported this fact. Also, his condition was not that of a man who'd been wandering about the woods for 5 days."

"And there was a small puncture wound on the inside of his right arm — the kind you get from a blood test. But he said that nobody had stuck a needle in his arm."

"The entire thing is very puzzling."



MAP shows the area where, witnesses say, Travis Walton was taken aboard a flying saucer.



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\$1,000,000 REWARD

Enquirer's New Offer for Proof That UFOs Come From Outer Space

By BOB PRATT and JOHN M. CATHCART

The ENQUIRER now offers ONE MILLION DOLLARS for positive proof that UFOs come from outer space and are not natural phenomena.

This enormous sum — offered in an attempt to solve one of the most baffling scientific puzzles of our age — increases by tenfold the \$100,000 award previously offered by The ENQUIRER.

The million-dollar reward will be paid when our Blue Ribbon Panel on Unidentified Flying Objects, consisting of prominent scientists and educators, agrees unanimously it has been given positive proof on UFOs, and two nationally known judges on our Judicial Review Board concur in the decision.

At the same time, The ENQUIRER has doubled the amount it offers each year for "the most scientifically valuable evidence on UFOs" — but which falls short of conclusive proof. The panel can now award up to \$10,000 for such cases.

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reported anywhere," said Dr. Frank Salisbury, a member of the Blue Ribbon panel.

The astounding Walton case was exhaustively investigated. Walton, his mother and brother, as well as his six companions, were subjected to "lie detector" tests — and, without exception, were found to be telling the truth.

Seven Share \$5,000 for 1975's Most Extraordinary Encounter With a UFO

The six companions were tested on their claim that they actually saw the UFO.

The panel met in Palm Beach, Fla., on May 18 and 19 to consider five cases for the top reward offered for positive proof of UFOs. The panel felt that none of the cases merited that award, but voted unanimously for a \$5,000 award in the Walton case.

The astonishing events in the Walton case began shortly after 6 p.m. last November 5 in a forest near Heber, Ariz., about 100 miles northeast of Phoenix.

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AWARD WINNERS: Travis Walton (foreground), who told of being abducted by UFO, shows off check for \$2,500. Six others who saw incident share \$2,500. Left to right are Allen Dalis, Kenneth Peterson, Mike Rogers, Dwayne Smith and John Goulette. Absent is Steve Pierce.

chology at the University of Wyoming, said: "The evidence is very strong. It's a solid sighting in terms of witnesses, the number of witnesses and the investigation of them by polygraph."

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has increased its top award to \$1 million, Dr. Sprinkle said: "I am delighted that The ENQUIRER has decided to offer such a very large reward in an attempt to solve the UFO mystery. This is unprecedented in the annals of scientific investigation anywhere."

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Introducing—Michael Douglas' Replacement on 'Streets of San Francisco'

Actor Richard Hatch, who replaces Michael Douglas next season in TV's "The Streets of San Francisco," smiles for the camera at the ABC affiliate party in Los Angeles. The annual event is a showcase for network stars and a chance for new talent to meet network broadcasters from all over the country.

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"Beyond any reasonable doubt, the evidence is as valid as any that would be accepted in an American criminal court," said Dr. Harder, professor of engineering at the University of California at Berkeley.

Said Dr. Salisbury, professor of plant science at Utah State University: "Thanks to the many witnesses and the polygraph examinations of those witnesses, we have pretty good reason to take the Walton case at face value.

"If it were one person trying to fool the polygraph, you wouldn't be so impressed — but when you've got that many passing the test with the same story, it's mighty impressive."

Another UFO expert who investigated the case was Dr. J. Allen Hynek, astronomer at Northwestern University and director of the Center for UFO Studies. "I talked with Travis Walton and he seemed to me to be straightforward," said Dr. Hynek, a former Blue Ribbon Panel member. "Of course, I was impressed by the polygraph tests on the others, and I would stress that above all."

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The two eminent jurists will be final judges on the award of ONE MILLION DOLLARS, to be paid by The ENQUIRER to the first person or persons who can prove that an Unidentified Flying Object came from outer space and was not a natural phenomenon.

All evidence sent in will be screened by our editors, by Jim Lorenzen, international director of the Aerial Phenomena Research Organization, Inc. (APRO), and by Jack Acuff, head of the National Investigations Committee on Aerial Phenomena (NICAP).

The claims with the best evidence will be submitted to The ENQUIRER's Blue Ribbon Panel on Unidentified Flying Objects, made up of top scientists and educators. Members of the panel will examine the evidence thoroughly. If they agree unanimously that the UFO is not a natural phenomenon, and came from outer space, they will recommend payment of the award and pass the case on to our Judicial Review Board for final judgment.

The two jurists on this board have no connection with The ENQUIRER other than their agreement to review the final award. Justice Clark was an Associate Justice on the U.S. Supreme Court from 1949 to 1967 and Attorney General of the U.S. from 1945 to 1949.

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FRANCIS BERGAN

Judge Bergan was Associate Judge of the New York Court of Appeals, that state's highest court, from 1963 to 1972, with a long and distinguished career before his retirement.

If the two judges agree that the award recommended by the Blue Ribbon Panel is correct, this newspaper will give a check for ONE MILLION DOLLARS to the person or persons who supplied the evidence on the UFO. Both judges must approve the award.

The ENQUIRER also offers awards of up to \$10,000 each year — double the amount previously offered — to anyone judged by the panel to have supplied the most scientifically valuable evidence on UFOs, though not the proof required for the \$1 million award.

If several informants are involved in any one case, the panel will decide how the award money is to be distributed.

This offer is valid throughout the world. It shall not be construed as an inducement to betray any military secrets of the United States. Anyone possessing evidence on UFOs which he or she believes might qualify for an award should mail it to: UFO Reward, NATIONAL ENQUIRER, Lantana, Fla. 33462.

THE TRAVIS WALTON INCIDENT

At 7:15 P.M. Mountain Standard Time November 9, 1975, 10.5 miles south of Heber, Arizona near Forest Service Road #300, 25 year old Travis Walton and six of his woodcutting fellow workers observed what appeared to them to be a brilliant white solid metallic object 15 feet in diameter and 1 foot thick hovering 10 feet above the ground and approximately 100 feet away. The group was traveling in a pickup truck and upon seeing the object the driver stopped and Walton jumped out of the truck and ran toward the object. The six witnesses in the truck reported seeing Walton struck by a ray of blue light emanating from the center of the object. They all stated that Walton was "knocked out" and fell to the ground. Frightened, they drove off, returning in approximately 15 minutes to find no trace of either Walton or the object. The six witnesses later were given lie detector tests (polygraph) with five of the tests indicating they were telling the truth about what they saw. The sixth test was inconclusive. Some of the questions asked included "Did you kill Travis Walton", "Did you see Travis taken aboard a spacecraft?" They all answered "No". (Inconclusive data)

On November 10, 5 days after Walton's disappearance, Nevada County Sheriff Marlin F. Gillespie, said Walton apparently called his brother in Phoenix at about midnight and told him he was somewhere near Heber. Family members including Duane (Walton's brother) drove to the site, returned to Phoenix and then drove to a hospital in Tucson according to Duane Walton's wife Carol. However, a thorough check of Tucson hospitals produced no trace of Walton. The Tucson trip was a ruse given to the media by Duane, so that the media would not bother Travis.

Walton's claim to Duane was that he had been taken aboard the spacecraft and held until his release near Heber several days later.

Walton was scheduled to take a lie detector test on November 14, at the Arizona Department of Public Safety headquarters in Phoenix but failed to show up. He has never taken a polygraph test. Sheriff Gillespie issued a statement saying no further attempts will be made by his office or by the DPS to administer a lie detector test to Walton. Gillespie said earlier that he had doubts about Walton's story based upon an interview with Walton on November 11.

William Spaulding, Director of Ground Saucer Watch (GSW, Inc.), a national scientific UFO investigation group said he also had information that led him to doubt Walton's story. Spaulding terminated the investigation by his group due to

Walton's refusal to submit to scientific testing, including an interview with Dr. Hynek.

Dr. Iesler Stewart, a consultant for GSW, Inc. and Mufon interviewed Duane and Travis Walton and said their behaviour made him suspicious of their story. They refused professional testing and evaluations.

At-site investigation of where the UFO was reportedly seen, was conducted by experienced GSW Field Investigators and high resolution magnetic measurements were recorded. No indications of any radiation elements were observed or measured, nor were any ground markings, including heat affected areas.

GSW Field Notes

After a time consuming investigation, the Travis Walton case is considered a hoax based on the following data:

- 1) Walton never boarded the UFO. This fact is supported by the six witnesses and the polygraph test results.
- 2) The entire Walton family has had a continual UFO history. The Walton boys have reported observing 10 to 15 separate UFO sightings (very high).
- 3) When Duane was questioned about his brother's disappearance, he stated that "Travis will be found, that UFO's are friendly". GSW countered, "How do you know Travis will be found?" Duane said "I have a feeling, a strong feeling." GSW asked "If the UFO 'captors' are going to return Travis, will you have a camera to record this great occurrence?" Duane, "No, if I have a camera 'they' will not return."
- 4) The Walton's mother showed no outward emotion over the 'loss' of Travis. She said that UFO's will not harm her son, he will be returned and that UFO's have been seen by her family many times.
- 5) The Walton's refused any outside scientific help or anyone who logically doubted the abduction portion of the story. (See article)
- 6) The media and GSW was fair to the witnesses. However, when the story started to 'fall apart' the Walton's would only talk to people that did not doubt the abduction story.
- 7) APRO became involved and criticized both GSW and Dr. Hynek for taking a negative position on the encounter.
- 8) The Walton's 'sold' their story to the National Enquirer and the story was completely twisted from the truth.

Sky look, April 1976

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Travis Walton case

Walton explains controversies

EDITOR'S NOTE: The following account by Travis Walton of his experience surrounding the investigation of his UFO encounter is being printed in order to give, in his own words, his version of the facts. While this account was written prior to Walton's receipt of SKYLOOK, later and more complete articles on the case, we feel Mr. Walton should have the opportunity to "tell it like it is" from his viewpoint.

By Travis Walton

I'm sure you realize that erroneous hearsay and incomplete newspaper articles are not a good source of information to judge anything by, but you did do a very unbiased article with what information you had to go on.

In your article on the Walton case in Skylook you said in conclusion, "If additional information on this case becomes available it will be printed in Skylook." I would like for this letter to be used in Skylook, and if it is, I would ask that it be printed in its entirety as I don't want to be quoted out of context.

When I was returned on Nov. 10th, I was in a serious emotional state. At that time and for weeks afterwards I didn't want to tell anyone about my experience except those close to me. I avoided the public and the media for several days. During my silence a lot of misinformation was printed. I feel much better about it all now and I would like to set the record straight. I have not read a newspaper yet, not even one, that printed exactly what I have said. The stories always garble the facts and misquote everyone. None of the newspapers referred to in your article actually ever interviewed me. However, I don't doubt that you quoted the newspapers correctly.

I have never met or talked with Bill Spaulding in my entire life, and to my knowledge, Spaulding has never interviewed any of the crewmembers who wit-

Travis Walton photo by [unclear]

nessed the incident. Although such as quoted in your article, Spaulding only visited the abduction site and talked to my brother, Duane, in way of investigation. The real investigation was carried on by the Aerial Phenomena Research Organization (APRO) who conducted numerous medical, psychiatric, and hypnotic tests, as well as polygraph examinations.

When I was returned, my brother contacted Spaulding whom he had met at the site. Duane asked him to arrange a complete medical examination for me as he was naturally concerned about my physical condition. Spaulding directed him to a Dr. Lester Steward in Phoenix. As it turned out Steward was not an M.D., as indicated by Spaulding, and was unsuccessful in trying to get a doctor on the telephone. Duane took me back home after being there less than thirty minutes. "Dr." Steward claims a number of degrees from a university that when checked into by APRO, turned out to be a small uncredited correspondence school.

Mr. Steward, who also claimed to be an expert on hallucinogenic drugs, later made allegations that my experience was the result of L.S.D. He didn't explain how my supposed "hallucination" was shared by six other men. My blood tests that day were run through the Mari-

... imagine what had happened to my eyes, and still I can't relate it to the sighting in any way. I just couldn't imagine what was happening to my eyes. I used a lot of Visine from the kid's old pink-eyes. I had to keep my hands over my eyes all morning. I couldn't keep my eyes open for even a few minutes at a time, even a few seconds at a time.

I was planning on going to the doctor that afternoon, but about noon they did begin to clear up considerably. By shortly after noon my eyes were much, much better condition, although still bloodshot. But as far as the discomfort, that was mostly gone. I had doctored them a lot. I used a lot of eye drops and kept them closed. So I didn't go to the doctor.

The sixth day after the sighting my eyes were returning to normal.

EDITOR'S NOTE: Another close encounter case was reported the same day at Anoka, MN, 10-12 miles southwest of this case, involving one witness. It was reported to the Center for UFO Studies; no additional information is available. Another case, similar in some respects, was reported on the same night near Stanford, KY (see story elsewhere in this issue).

Boyd to specialize in unexplained physics

Veteran UFO investigator Robert D. Boyd of 121 Huron Rd., Mobile, AL., has informed Skylook that he has begun an effort "to specialize on the anomalous characteristics of UFOs."

Boyd, who points out that UFOs frequently demonstrate abilities contrary to our knowledge of physical laws, feels that a concentrated effort should be made to study these apparent contradictions.

He invites specific information concerning this topic, and urges other researchers interested in this area of UFO research to contact him.

copa County medical examiners drug screen and revealed no trace of any drug.

Mr. Steward made no examinations or tests on me of any kind. I'm sure this man's little run-down Westward Ho Hotel is not Ground Saucer Watch headquarters. This was my only contact with any CSW representative. It is understandable why I did not cooperate with them. APRO quickly produced two reputable M.D.s that day and continued a thorough investigation from then on. Bill Spaulding became negative only at this point, which he refers to as noncooperation. After it was clear that he couldn't handle the case, Bill Spaulding numerous times referred vaguely to "holes" in the story and some "questions" and "other factors" that caused him to have "doubts." Never once did he specifically state what these discrepancies were. Possibly Spaulding's ego was more at stake to him than the factuality of the case.

Without consulting us, Spaulding arranged for a meeting with Dr. J. Allen Hynek, which was associated with CSW, which we had lost faith in by that time. Neither my brother nor myself knew enough of the UFO subject at that time to recognize Dr. Hynek as one of the foremost scientists in the field. Since then I've had direct correspondence with Hynek and have scheduled a meeting with him.

The media has accused me of refusing a lie-detector test that was ordered by police. I personally requested that polygraph test from Sheriff Marlin Gillespie with his promise that the media would be kept away and that it would be held in private. The day of the test the reporters were again camped on my doorstep and I was in no emotional condition to be interviewed at that time. As I was preparing to leave for the Department of Public Safety headquarters we discovered there were numerous television and newspaper reporters inter-

viewing the OPS examiner in the room arranged for my test. Since the sheriff failed to keep his word in the matter, I did not take it that day.

I was advised shortly thereafter by APRO psychiatrists that to have taken a polygraph test that soon would have given inconclusive results at best. The psychiatrists said a polygraph measures stress, not lies; therefore, to get a valid result I should wait until any reaction registered would not be the result of emotion-packed memories. This was borne out by the inconclusive result of the test on Allen Dallis, the crewman who was so agitated after witnessing the incident. APRO will have Dallis retested soon.

When I was calm enough, APRO arranged for me to take a polygraph test from Ezell Polygraph Institute, who does all the lie detector work for Pinal County Sheriff's Office. The results of my test were positive.

Undersheriff Kenneth Coplan said that I and the rest of the crew saw the NBC special, "The UFO Incident," as to infer that we had made everything up because of similarities in the two incidents. I did not have a TV and did not see the show. I know that at least a couple of the others didn't see it either.

(There is no such person as Deputy Sheriff Ken Nolan as quoted by the Arizona Republic in your article.)

I never said I thought I was hit over the head, I simply described being struck by the beam as feeling like a physical blow.

I do not consider myself or my family to be UFO buffs. We haven't had an overt interest in the subject or ever bought any UFO publications. My brother Duane saw a UFO about 12 years ago and we have talked about the subject on a few occasions since then. I myself have never had a UFO experience before this.

I suppose many people that live an outdoor life have seen

a few things in the sky they can't explain. This doesn't make them buffs on the subject. Dr. H. Leo Sprinkle reports that 15 million Americans have seen something unidentified in the sky. Sheriff Marlin Gillespie has himself reported seeing 2 or 3 UFO's over the years, including one close encounter. He does not, however, consider himself a UFO buff.

My older brother, Duane, has acted as father to our family in recent years. His expression of confidence of my return and his saying that I was having "the experience of a lifetime" was only designed to bolster my mother's confidence. My mother believed this and the accounts of the crewmen whom she knew. She was terribly upset by my disappearance and had to be soothed. This explains Duane's criticism of the investigator who said he doubted the chances of my return after so much time. Due to Duane's involvement, he was suspected of conspiring with me to perpetrate a hoax. He took and passed a lie detector test concerning this from the same firm as I did.

Duane's fierce protection of me from reporters who didn't seem to care about my condition drew much hostility from the local media. Duane told the reporters I was in a Tucson hospital to get them off our backs. I never was in Tucson. All the tests were performed in Phoenix and the results are available from the Aerial Phenomena Research Organization in Tucson.

My experience aboard the UFO has been just as garbled by newspapers as everything else, but I won't take the space at this time to cover all that. APRO has all the facts of the sighting and the account of my abduction experience. Anyone can obtain this information by reading the APRO Bulletin or calling their headquarters in Tucson.

Thank you for giving me the opportunity to correct these misconceptions.



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Travis Walton's Universe

TRAVIS WALTON'S 1975 EXPERIENCE IS ONE OF THE MOST FAMOUS CASES IN ABDUCTOLOGY – BUT KARL PFLOCK DISCOVERS THAT ITS ROOTS MAY BE IN THE GOLDEN AGE OF SCI-FI.

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November 1975 saw one of the most famous and controversial of alleged UFO abductions – the kidnapping of young Arizona woodsman Travis Walton before the wondering eyes of six companions. Five days later Walton returned, claiming he had been unceremoniously dumped from a flying saucer onto a rural highway a few miles from the scene of his snatching, able to recall only a fragment of his time in the clutches of his alien captors. In *The Travis Walton Experience* (1978), he unfolded his story in full, including a remarkably detailed account of his ordeals aboard what seemed to be the snatch saucer. One incident in particular caught my attention and inspired this article.

Awakening on a metal table from zap induced blackout to find a trio of almost-Grey humanoids peering at him, Walton leapt into action, drove off his tormentors and made his way along a curved corridor in search of escape. Coming upon an open door, he discovered "a round room – with a domed ceiling. The room was totally empty except for a single chair that faced away from me."

The high-backed chair "was angular, with rounded edges. There were some buttons and a strange lever on the arm of it." The more closely Walton approached, "the darker the room became! Small points of light became visible on or through, the walls and even the floor. It was like the stars coming into view in the evening, only very much faster. The matte grey of the metal wall just faded out to be replaced by the glinting, speckled deep-black of space."

He sat in the chair, and saw "stars all around me. I could see nebulous clouds of tiny stars and dust in a band like the Milky Way. [T]he effect was like sitting in a chair in the middle of space."

Reading Walton's description of the saucer's control room (?) I was immediately struck by the strong similarity to another account of a forbidden adventure aboard a spaceship: "The passage curved in a wide-sweeping arc... then opened into the control room proper." The room was "spherical, the interior of a great globe," with a featureless surface. Suspended in the centre of the room were chairs "with high supporting sides, or arms, and mounted on these arms were the controls," including a

set of lights, which when covered darkened the vast room. Then Creation!

"Faithfully reproduced, shining as steady and serene from the walls of the stellarium as did their originals from the black depths of space, the mirrored stars looked down on him. Light after jewelled light, scattered in careless bountiful splendour across the simulacrum sky the countless suns lay before him – before him, over him, under him, behind him, in every direction from him. He hung alone in the center of the stellar universe."

The foregoing is from Robert A. Heinlein's pioneering science fiction

novelette "Universe", first published in 1941 in *Astounding* (today's *Analog*), and reprinted numerous times in the decades since. It is still in print today, in Heinlein's *Orphans of the Sky* anthology, and a particular favourite of young SF fans. "Universe" was the first SF story to feature a 'generation ship,' – now an SF cliché – a sub-light-speed starship in which those who begin the journey cannot complete it, while their progeny, many generations removed, will. In "Universe", social and cultural degeneration eventually cause the ship's inhabitants to forget their purpose and come to believe that the ship itself is the universe. Heinlein's story is about his protagonist's rediscovery of the truth, beginning with his visit to the long-abandoned control room.

The parallel between Walton's and Heinlein's narratives is uncannily close too close to be coincidence and perhaps uncomfortably close for Walton. The question is how did Heinlein's vision make its way into Walton's tale?

Those disposed to believe Walton a hoaxer will conclude that he read "Universe" and consciously decided the dazzling star chamber would be a dramatic authenticating touch unlikely to be traced back to its fictional origin.

Some might be more charitable, allowing that, while Walton had read Heinlein's story, he subconsciously retained it and innocently incorporated elements of it into his own creation. Those convinced of Walton's truthfulness – but recognising the problem – might contend that his captors tapped into his memories and borrowed from them to construct a false scenario in Walton's mind to conceal what really occurred for some nefarious or merely mischievous purpose ("Hey, Zork! Check this out. This is much better than that damn owl screen memory we're always using, and since this guy's not supposed to forget everything anyway...").

Recently, I wrote to Walton querying the matter, at first circum-spectly, then quite directly. While he responded candidly to other questions I asked, he completely ignored this issue. A follow-up missive has gone unanswered.



PHONE HOME:
Karl Pflock (above) makes a call from the telephone booth in which Travis Walton (left) first re-established contact with planet Earth after his alleged abduction.



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