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[redacted] Sayville, New York, was advised of the official identity of the interviewing agent and the nature of the interview. [redacted] furnished the following information:

On July 17, 1996, at approximately 8:40 pm, [redacted] was standing on the Davis Park Beach near the east lifeguard chair with her sister [redacted]. Her sister, [redacted] and her sister's friend [redacted] 13 and 12 years respectively, were doing gymnastic moves on the beach when [redacted] pointed skyward and shouted "Look!" [redacted] turned to see an object which appeared to be a flare, round and orangy-red in color. It left a smoke trail of the same color, density and thickness in its wake that disappeared as the object continued to ascend. It rose from the southeast from their position and arched slightly at an approximate 70 degree angle while it made the ascent from east to west.

The object traveled for approximately 3 to 5 seconds until it erupted into a ball of fire. It did not disappear before this eruption and made no sound that they could hear. It then broke into three separate balls of fire and descended to the ocean. It fell straight down until it disappeared from sight. The entire episode lasted approximately 10 seconds. She could not gauge as to how far in the distance this incident occurred from her but thought that the object may have traveled 1 to 2 miles vertically.

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