

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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On July 20, 1996, [REDACTED]
Watermill, New York 11970 [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] was interviewed at Westhampton Ambulance Center, Westhampton, New York. He was advised of the nature of the interview and the identity of the interviewing agents. He then provided the following information:

On July 17, 1996, [REDACTED] was out fishing for about an hour or two and was returning with three other individuals, [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] in his boat sometime after 8:00pm. [REDACTED] was turned around watching some birds about five hundred to six hundred feet away in a direction of south when he saw a white line tracing up into the sky. [REDACTED] does not remember seeing the line come all the way from the horizon. The line went straight vertical the entire time for a total of 2 seconds. He remembered thinking it was a flare as he had just purchased some flares sometime earlier. The highest point of the "flare" white line was about one foot above the horizon and the line was consistent. At the top of the white line appeared little red light or orangish-red circle which hovered or floated for a second, after which, a big dark red explosion appeared about an inch below the little red light. This bigger explosion was about a quarter inch in length. It hovered for a second, appeared to break apart from its round shape, and fell to the horizon in approximately two seconds. As the bigger explosion came down it became less red and more smokey - grayer about half of the way down. The big explosion came down along pretty much the same line as the white line had gone up. The entire incident from the time the white line first appeared until the explosion met the horizon took approximately 10 to 15 seconds.

[REDACTED] earlier had been at the 1 mile marker South of Shinnecock Inlet and had proceeded on a heading of 360 degrees magnetic to return to the inlet. The white line was approximately in a one o'clock position relative to the one mile marker from [REDACTED]

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