INVESTIGATION LOG:

7/19/13, 17:00 – phone contact with witness 2 (Fara), made arrangements for interview

7/20/13, 15:00 – interview with both witnesses at sighting location

7/19/13, 23:30 - received e-mails with updated report (see report)

7/20/13, 15:00 – Interviewed both witnesses at sighting location (710 E. Sunset Dr.), surveyed site and reviewed photos with witness 2

7/21/13 – filed a preliminary report into CMS.

7/29/13 - report filed into CMS

FINAL REPORT DATE: 7/29/13

FI ID# 12070 CASE#: 49005

BGE Results: Total Certainty Index is 18.86%

LONGITUDE/LATITUDE: 48.76976°N / 122.46387°W (Google Earth)

SYNOPSIS: On 7/15/13 at 10pm PDT, in Bellingham, WA at the intersection of I-5 and Sunset Dr., two witnesses, in a car traveling westbound, observed a glowing red rectangular object toward the south, traveling northward. They turned into a nearby parking lot to observe the object more closely, with one witness retrieving a pair of binoculars from the car's trunk. The object slowed and turned eastbound, fading from glowing red to medium gray while dropping on altitude to roughly 100 feet. The witnesses lost sight of the object as it traveled behind the trees lining the local street.

The object was large, palm-width at arm's length, traveling very low (less than 200'), and closely observed with a pair of binoculars. The object was silent with no signs of visual distortion. The object had numerous surface undulations and tumbled slowly about its center axis (roll).

The following day, on 7/16, witness 2 visited a nearby field in the object's path of travel thinking the craft may have landed there and took several photographs of the area. The possible landing site showed no evidence of any disturbance.

OBJECT DESCRIPTION: The object was a roughly rectangular cube, "like a large SUV but not as long (witness 1)", a palm-width wide at arm's length. When first observed, it was a uniform glowing red in color with no discernible surface features. The witnesses entered a nearby parking lot and, upon exiting the car, saw the object change from a glowing red to a dull gray-black, the glow dissipating from the top downward. Witness 2, with binoculars, described an irregular surface, "like the underside of a car", with various random 2"-6" surface relief features.

The rate of travel was relatively slow, less than 20mph, with a sense of precision and control. The object executed a smooth turn while dropping in altitude, navigating close to a series of 6-wire high tension lines along James St.

Additional report filed -

Witness 2, the originator of the MUFOM CMS report, has e-mailed an updated report following my initial phone contact on 7/19:

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At about 10pm on June 15, 2013 I was driving down Sunset Avenue (west) crossing the overpass (over I-5) when I saw a large red glowing spot in the southern sky. I immediately got into the left lane to turn south onto James Street and then turned right into the parking lot at the Light of the World Prayer Center (Hope in Christ shares the property as well, using the building further back.) It's located on the corner of 710 E. Sunset and James Street.

I jumped out and quickly opened my trunk and grabbed the binoculars (Tasco Zip 2008 10 X 50 Fully coated - 288 ft at 1000 yards.) When I spotted the UFO with my binoculars I was standing at the James Street entrance of the parking lot. It was still glowing red but then the light went out and was just a faint glow for a second and then went totally dark. In it's place was a medium gray looking craft moving silently through the air. It descended northward towards me, and then slowed way down as I it rotated around and moved eastward across the street behind the trees. It looked like a textured metal craft with a rounded front and square rear with two exhaust engine holes. The UFO was about the size of a tall large SUV but short length. I didn't see on it any insignia, windows or lights. I got concerned for a second as it was slowing down close to my location. But it moved east away from me and I relaxed.

Maybe it was going into that small field located behind the two houses next to Jern's Funeral and On-Site Crematory and hovered or landed there in the clearing. There is enough room there for a large car sized object to hover or land. The coordinates for the field are Lat. 48.76976 Long. 122.46387. It maneuvered with surgical skill and looked kind of floaty like when rotating around.

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INTERVIEW-STATEMENTS: I conducted an interview with both witnesses on 7/20 at the place of observation, the parking lot of a local church. Witness 1 is a male, 60, an employee of the postal service. He exhibited a certain reticence concerning his UFO experience but was cooperative and informative during the interview. He observed the object while it performed its banking turn, from southbound to eastbound, and changing color from a glowing red to a dull gray. He gave the best description of its size, palm-width at arm's length, describing the object as "about the size of a large SUV but just a little bit shorter". He also observed the changing color of the object, starting as a uniform red glow, fading to a mottled dark gray. The fading process was not uniform. It started at the top and faded downward, ending at the base of the object. While the craft had executed its turn, from southward to eastward, it had changed color gray.

Witness 2, 56, female, is Witness 1's wife, working as a housewife, served in the USAF in

intelligence. She is interested in UFOs in general and was very enthusiastic. After they parked their car she retrieved a pair of binoculars from the car trunk and observed the object's features closely. While she was finding her binoculars, the craft had faded from red to medium gray. She has provided the attached drawings of the object. She described the surface of the object as "like the underside of a car", with numerous channels, islands and other random indentations on the surface. She also described the object as "tumbling" along its center axis, a roll in pitch-yaw-roll terminology. She described the object as "very low", 60-100 feet, however, she wasn't sure since she was using binoculars.

The observation of the object ended when the witnesses lost sight of the object when it traveled behind some tall (~50') street trees lining James St.

The object was completely silent, Witness 1 mentioned background noise from the local freeway (I-5) while witness 2 noted she heard a helicopter in the distance. There were no smells, drafts or other unusual sensations. The object, as drawn, has two "exhaust ports", however, no visual distortion was observed surrounding the object.

After losing sight of the craft both witnesses re-entered their car and continued their journey.

The following day, 7/16, Witness 2 returned to the sighting location and walked throughout the local area, talking with local neighbors. She discovered a small field along the object's flight path. The field is covered with tall grasses, roughly 2-3 feet tall, with a small depressed area of fallen grass in one corner. She took several pictures of the area, included in the report.

I surveyed the area on 7/20, the day of our interview. Several areas of the field had fallen grasses, similar to the depressed area indicated by witness 2. There were no signs of any unusual disturbances, no broken grass stems, burn marks or signs of compression by heavy weight. There were no magnetic anomalies detectable by a hand held compass.

NATURAL/MANMADE PHENOMENON: A review of the stellarium satellite database for 7/15/13 from 21:45 and 22:15 pdt revealed only one satellite rising above 30 degrees elevation, ERBS, traveling between bearing 310-200, rising to 45 degrees elevation.

WEATHER INFORMATION: The sighting happened during late twilight, sunset was at 21:08, roughly an hour earlier, civil twilight was at roughly the time of the sighting, 21:48 with nautical twilight at 22:42. There was light in the western horizon, however, colors would not be plainly visible. The red glow may have been due to terminator glow if the craft was at a much higher altitude, however, the sun had set an hour earlier.

The Metar for KBLI, Bellingham Airport (3.75 miles away, bearing 300 degrees), shows clear skies, visibility 10 miles, no wind The viewing conditions were very good.

Metar for 9:53pm, 7/15/13: (METAR KBLI 160453Z AUTO 00000KT 10SM CLR 17/10 A2992 RMK AO2 SLP138 T01720100)

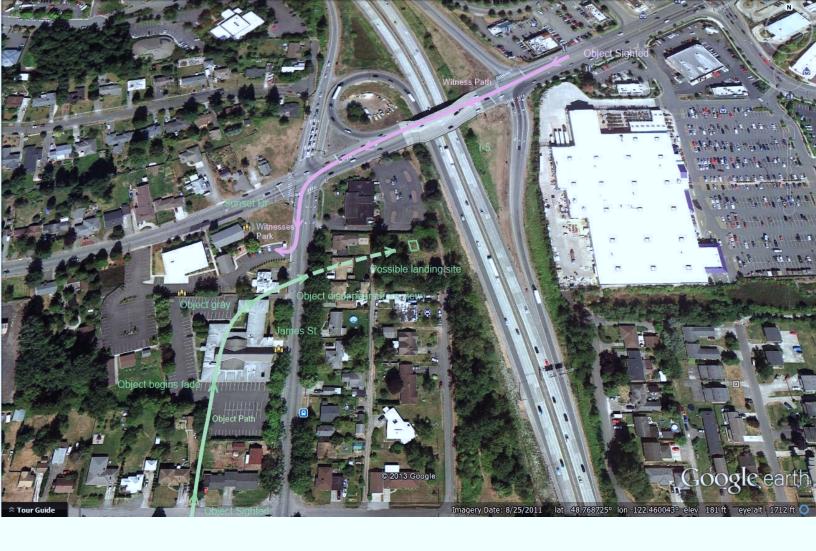
LOCATION: The sighting area is a mixed area of residential and regional shopping, separated by a 4-lane freeway. There was light pollution, both by lit streetlights along the major thoroughfares (both Sunset Dr. and James. St.)

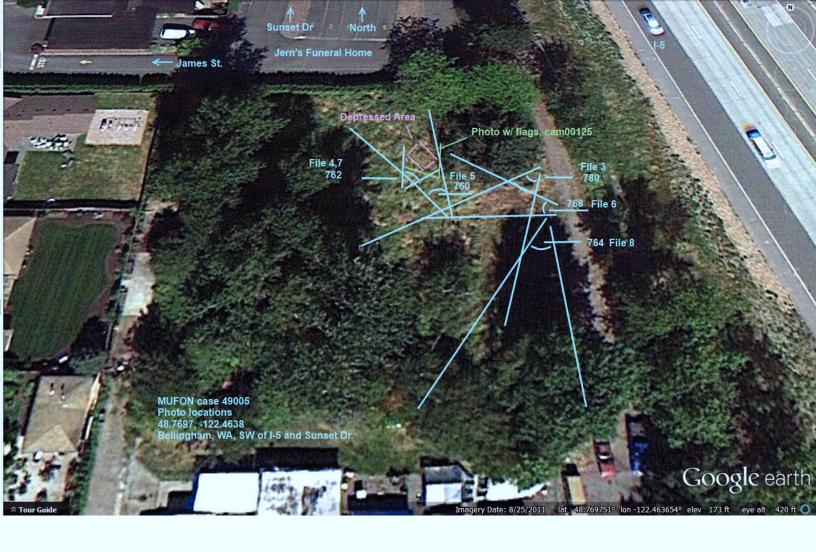
EVIDENCE/INVESTIGATION: Both witnesses gave vivid and detailed accounts of a relatively close sighting. No additional evidence was found at the nearby field, however, no actual landing had been observed. There are no photos of the object.

WITNESS CREDIBILITY: The witnesses were very credible, both are ex-military and maintain responsible occupations. Witness 2 seemed willing to occasionally fit evidence to her beliefs, we discussed the intimate details of fallen grasses, including whorls, lays, and the effect of incidental winds on large areas.

CORRELATING CASES: No check conducted.

CONCLUSION: Based on the witness summary and the subsequent database checks, I have concluded that this object is an unknown.





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