

# ***UFO chases ambulance***

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Santa, was that you heading back to the North Pole? That's what two ambulance attendants, Tom Banks and Ken Scholfield, might very well be asking themselves right now, following a UFO sighting Sunday night.

The two were heading towards Haines Junction around 7:30 p.m. to pick up a patient when they first sighted the bright, white object a few miles north of the Takhini Bridge.

According to Scholfield, "We saw what we thought at first was a very bright star. It seemed stationary, then all of a sudden it started to move and was right down in our area in no time.

"We were in a flat area—the mountains were maybe two miles from the highway—and the object seemed to be travelling maybe a couple of thousand feet above the ground. It was travelling maybe a couple of thousand feet above the ground. It was travelling slow. It looked to me like it might be lost."

Scholfield said they discussed what it could be and thought

it might be a plane. Then, suddenly the object took off with great speed over the mountain and they realized it could not be a plane.

At this point they decided to report in to the ambulance station in Whitehorse.

According to the report the two attendants made to the RCMP, the speed, colour and manoeuvrability of the object was "like nothing we had ever witnessed."

"It did not turn, but instantly reversed its course."

The object "buzzed" them several times, and they had no control over the ambulance's electrical system.

Banks and Scholfield were now reporting each sighting by radio. At one point the UFO seemed to be coming right towards them. As Scholfield told the story Banks decided to turn on the ambulance beacon to see what would happen, but for some reason the beacon went off. The object then stopped and went in reverse.

Banks told the RCMP he tried to flash the beacon at the UFO and the object paced their vehicle and a bright light flashed back.

When they approached Mendenhall, the UFO apparently veered into the draw of the hillside to the southwest. The two said they thought it would crash because it seemed to be flying so low, but it skimmed over the mountain top and disappeared over the Champagne area. At that point they lost sight of the object.

They drove on two or three miles and crossed the Mendenhall bridge. Scholfield continued to watch for the object out the left hand side where it had always been sighted up to this time.

Suddenly on the right, or north side of the road, Banks saw the ground brilliantly illuminated approximately 100 yards ahead, through a clearing. When they reached the area there was nothing there.