

# KENTUCKY CLOSE ENCOUNTER

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THE PERCIPIENT in this case was Lee Parrish of Prospect, Kentucky, and the incident, which lasted 35 minutes, took place very early (1.05 a.m.) on the morning of Thursday, January 27, 1977.

## Introduction

On January 27, 1977, Don and I were contacted by Lawrence Allison, a hypnotist who has worked with us before on UFO-related cases. Mrs. Parrish, Lee's mother, had called Larry because she felt something unusual had happened to her son the previous night. Lee and his friend, Kathy Johnson, met with Larry, Don and I at Larry's house that evening. Lee Parrish is 19, a high school graduate, employed by his family's firm, Parrish Supply, as a truck driver and all-round worker. He is a husky six-footer with a quiet, polite manner. He seemed to us to be of good, average intelligence, a common-sense type who was genuinely bothered about what had happened to him. His appearance was very neat, his dress casual.

## The original sighting

Lee had been at Kathy's house and left just as a television programme they had been watching was going off the air, which pinpointed his departure at just before 1 a.m. He fed the dog on the way out and then got in his Jeepster, a 1970 model with a V6 engine, and headed for home, normally a 7-minute journey. The weather was cold and partly cloudy, with quite a bit of snow on the ground. However, the roads were relatively clear and there was no precipitation. He was driving west on Hwy. 329, heading towards U.S. 42 and perhaps 4 miles short of it, when he saw an object.

Lee first saw the object hovering just over the tree line, between 100 and 220 feet away from the road and at an altitude of 100 to 150 feet. The object appeared to be about 10 feet tall and 40 feet long. Its shape appeared perfectly rectangular. The craft was the colour of the setting sun, but much brighter. Lee felt a compulsion to look at it and was unable to remove his gaze from it, but at the same time it was too bright to look at. He became very frightened and wanted to leave the area, but couldn't do it; he doesn't even remember how the car managed to stay on the road — he wasn't driving it. About 15 seconds into the sighting, the car radio failed.

He continued watching the fire-coloured UFO. It hovered until he was directly underneath it. Then, suddenly, it sped away, first at the speed of a jet, then even quicker, to the northwest. It had never

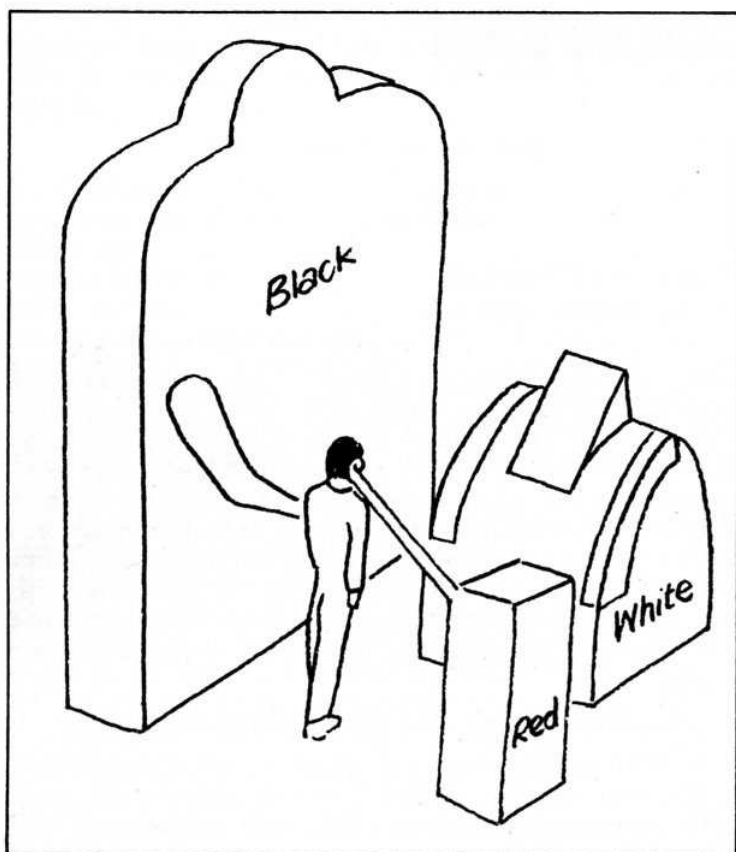
made any sound. When Lee arrived home, his mother met him at the door and said "What's wrong with your eyes?" Lee looked in the mirror and saw that the whites were entirely bloodshot. There was considerable pain which continued, though to a lesser degree, this evening. He noticed that the time was 1.45 a.m., which meant that he'd been en route from Kathy's house for 45 minutes on a 7-minute trip. His mother confirms this arrival time home, and the girl friend confirms his departure time from her home.

## Further investigation through time regression

Lee was somewhat anxious concerning his being a hypnotic subject, and so Don and Larry spent some time talking to him about hypnotic techniques and what he would be experiencing in mental states. Lee felt much reassured when he found that he would not be unable to control what happened to him, that he could ask to come out of hypnosis at any time, and that the hypnotists would not be tricking him as he had seen done at a party. After this discussion, he agreed to the hypnotic session, for he expressed a great deal of desire to find out what had happened to him during that missing time. Larry spent perhaps 40 minutes relaxing him, achieving the desired hypnotic state, and regressing Lee back to several childhood ages. Then, he brought Lee to the time of the sighting experience, told him to speak up without prompting, and just let him tell the story as it was happening to him. It was quite eerie for this observer to go through this extremely unusual sequence of events with Lee. Here is the story as he told it under hypnosis:

After he left Kathy's house, he saw the rectangular UFO and at first thought it was a fire. But he immediately rejected that hypothesis and became very scared, asking himself over and over, "What is it?" His eyes hurt from looking at the bright-red object, but he couldn't look away. Somehow, it was not moving, but had arrived at a position directly overhead. During this period he cannot remember driving the car, so it is unknown whether the craft had actually moved over the road or whether the car had entered the field, part of the flat land over which the UFO was hovering. He was increasingly scared and kept repeating, "It's not moving," in a puzzled, frightened tone.

Then, suddenly, he could not see anything. A split second before that, the craft had changed colour to black, then to white. Then, he could see nothing and felt "something in his eyes." When he could see again, he was no longer in the jeep but in a circular,



all-white room. He had no knowledge of the transition. The room was about 20 feet in diameter, with a ceiling about 20 feet high, although from the outside the ship had not looked nearly that high-ceilinged. The walls of the room were self-luminous.

Before him stood three objects which he instinctively felt or sensed were sentient beings, although they were definitely not human: a "black one," a "red one," and a "white one." The black one was on his left. It stood as high as the ceiling and was roughly the shape of an army silhouette target, jug-shaped, with a relatively small "head." It had a flat bottom and one "arm", a handless, one-jointed appendage. The arm was rough-skinned, the rest of the entity rough in patches, smooth in patches. The head was featureless. It moved slowly to Lee and touched him on the left side and back, hurting him quite a bit and terrifying him. Throughout the regression, Lee kept repeating, "No, no, not the black one!" The sensation of the black one touching him was somehow cold and burning at the same time, and he felt as though he were vibrating.

The "red one" was on his right. It was about Lee's size or a little smaller, and rectangular in shape, like a "Coke machine." It had one arm or probe, unjointed and handless. Lee felt that the thing was scared and reluctant to touch him, but it too came slowly over and touched him on the shoulder and on the right temple, above the ear and within the hairline. This felt like a needle and stung briefly, but did not terrify Lee and did not hurt long. During this time, Lee felt quite cold. The whole ship seems to be rocking like "a boat on the water," back and forth.

The white one was about six feet tall, Lee's height. It sat in the middle of the room, watching Lee. Its

body was solid and blocky and its head square on the sides, quite flat in front. In profile, the head sloped towards the body at a 45-degree angle, with no features. The whole being glowed. It had arms, but did not use them, remaining stationary. Lee knew that it was the "ruler" of the other two.

The red one backed up after it had touched Lee and went together with the white one, either merging with it or going behind it, in which case Lee could not see it, since it was smaller than the white one. The red one had "done its job," and the white one started making a sound which Lee described as that of a person brushing his teeth or using sandpaper — a rhythmic scraping sound. The black one was backing up slowly at this point, also. Lee, who had been quite cold, found that he was now warm. Then the white one moved to the black one and either merged with it or went behind it, leaving only the 20-foot-tall black one there with Lee. Then the black one simply disappeared, and Lee was alone in the white room. He noticed that, perhaps due to the bouncing and rocking motion of the ship, he felt quite a bit heavier.

Under hypnosis, there was no transition time between his presence in the white room and his awareness of being back in the Jeepster. "There's the pond," he said, and went on to describe getting home, his eyes burning, his fright, and his mother's comments on his eyes. His sleep that night was poor, but not because of dreams; his eyes simply hurt a good deal, and were still hurting him at the session that night whenever he closed them.

Lee never used the word "telepathy" to explain how he knew what he knew about the machine-like beings — for he knew quite a bit: that they were sentient, that the red one was scared, that the white one was the leader, and that it was thinking about him. When asked what he thought their purpose was in taking him on board, he replied that he felt they were checking out his "chemical make-up" and doing a physical check-up. They were curious about "the way that he was Lee." He felt, too, that they would be contacting him again.

The investigators were interested in the mechanism by which Lee was taken from and returned to the Jeepster, and so we asked him very carefully about the method of transport. Lee said that the red ship had "caught" the Jeep as he went underneath it, just like "a mousetrap waiting for a mouse." The Jeep was "not on the ship, not on the ground," suspended by some force. Lee was "transformed" into and out of the ship without opening the door of the Jeep. When they put him back in the Jeep, it was still suspended, then he was back on the road and Lee saw the UFO departing. The radio continued not to work for the approximate five minutes it took the ship to disappear from Lee's view. Somehow, during the process Lee's cigarette, which he was smoking when he first sighted the UFO, vanished completely. Lee felt that "they," whoever they were, had a sort of control over both him and the Jeep from the time he saw the UFO until it left, as he was never able to get away from the

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# ALARMING JOURNEY TO LAMBOURN

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AT a recent interview, Miss Jane Human described for us a UFO sighting that greatly alarmed her.

Our witness, an attractive twenty-two year old civil servant, lives with her parents, one brother and a sister. Their home is situated near Membury Airfield, Lambourn Woodlands, Berks. Built during the last war, the airfield is now partly used as a service station on the M4, between London and Bristol.

On the night of February 7, 1977, Jane was driving home alone after visiting her boyfriend at Wallingford, Berks. Her car, an Austin 1100, had passed through Wantage and was heading for Lambourn on the B4507. The road rises steeply towards high ground and the Lambourn Downs. For the first mile and a half the headlamps of a following car could be seen in her mirror. These lights disappeared when the following car turned off the road to the right in the direction of West Challow.

It was now dark all around and the road from here on is very lonely over the Downs.\* The time was about 10.45 p.m. A few moments later Jane noticed in her mirror a circle of light directly in the middle of the rear window. The road at this point is very bendy, with occasional dips. Nevertheless the light kept following her for about half a mile. At first, Jane thought it must be a motorcycle lamp but then realised the light was too dim and its position in her rear window was wrong. She began to feel uneasy and sensed that something strange was happening. Jane then became aware that the image in her mirror showed colours. This also struck her as very unusual. Determined not to panic and as an ex-policewoman, trained to observe, Jane slowed the car down to about 5 mph and turned around in her seat to get a better view. Until now the light had stayed a constant distance behind and very close to the rear window. What Jane now saw, she describes as follows: "It was about 8" in diameter, it wasn't an exact circle, it appeared jagged at the edges, also the light itself which was of different shades of yellows and reds appeared dim and hazy. It was darker red in the centre, filtering out towards the edges in a paler red and yellows." She continued: "It felt as if I was looking at it without my glasses on, which I have to wear for driving."

When we interviewed Jane, she told us that she estimated the distance of the object behind the car to be about 15 ft. However when the car was moving very slowly the object drew closer and Jane formed the impression that it was more disc-like than spherical. It was now closing in fast and she felt it was about to "stick onto the rear window screen." Jane's reaction was one of great fear and she began to accelerate and to drive on as fast as the bends in the



**Jane Human, photographed at time of the interview**

road would allow.† The light continued to keep station behind her and since her attempts to elude pursuit were not succeeding she had to fight off a strange urge to panic and drive recklessly (which could have ended disastrously). Jane told us "I have never felt so frightened in my whole life. It must have been behind me for about another half mile, then as I went down a very small dip in the road and around a sharp bend, it completely vanished: I kept on going, keeping an eye in my mirror all the time. As I got to the top of the hill, just before you come to the crossroads where you either turn right to Childrey or go straight over for Swindon or left for Lambourn, the light appeared fleetingly once more and looked as if it was hovering on top of the hill."

\* The stretch of road where the episode occurred is part of the ancient Icknield Way.

† Jane estimates her actual speed because of the bendy road was probably not greater than 30 mph.