

ABDUCTED: AN AUSTRALIAN INDEPENDENTLY WITNESSED EVENT?

PART ONE

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Dear Colleague

As promised, enclosed please find Part 1 of a 2-part article on what appears to be an independently witnessed multiple person abduction case from Belgrave, Victoria, here in Australia.

Part 1 tells the account of two of the witnesses from their perspective. Part 2, when written, will detail the accounts of the three other people in a separate vehicle who recall seeing the same UFO and entities, and beyond.

I will forward Part 2 as soon as possible.

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I. INTRODUCTION

A unique Australian CE3/CE4 event has been slowly researched and documented since it occurred near Belgrave, Victoria, in August 1993. It involves five people in two independent groups, in two motor vehicles, who were party to a very close encounter one night outside of Melbourne, the capital city of the state of Victoria.

One of the witnesses, a woman who wishes to be known only by her real first name of Kelly, contacted my colleague Bill Chalker of Sydney, in the State of New South Wales, after failing to locate anyone in her home-State to talk to about the experience. Bill referred her to John Auchettl of Phenomena Research Australia, who lives in Melbourne. John interviewed Kelly and her husband Andrew (pseudonym) and then was successful in locating and interviewing the other three witnesses.

Kelly subsequently visited Adelaide, South Australia, where I live, and we were able to spend a week-end exploring her portion of the event. Her husband

Andrew, although acknowledging the event and confirming the marks on Kelly's body, did not wish to participate in an investigation.

I was fortunate to be able to sit in on a hypnotic regression session with Kelly and an Adelaide psychologist with whom I work, in an attempt to unlock an apparent period of missing time.

So, part 1 of this article is Kelly's account of the Belgrave incident. part 2 will look at what the other party recalled and some interesting physical traces found at the site, courtesy of John Auchettl's investigation.

II. KELLY: THE EMERGENCE OF MEMORIES:

On the 16th September, 1993, Kelly and her husband Andrew were attending a barbecue, at the home of a friend of theirs in the State of Victoria.

During the course of the evening, somehow the conversation turned to the subject of UFOs. The host was very sceptical of the subject of UFOs. Kelly was surprised to hear her husband comment about the two of them having seen a UFO some weeks before on their way home from the house of a friend. He recalled how Kelly had pointed out the object and how they had observed it hovering over the middle of the road, and thought it looked like a football field all lit up. You see, Kelly didn't recall seeing anything like this. This claim of her husband's continued therefore to trouble her over the following weeks, as she couldn't work out why he should have made such a thing up.

October 1, 1993 saw them driving, during the day, through Fountain Gate, an outer Melbourne suburb, in the State of Victoria, then on to Belgrave, and up to Monbulk. They were on their way to visit the house of the same friend where the barbecue was held.

After passing the Fountain Gate shopping centre, quite out of character, Kelly thought to herself that an open area to the side of the vehicle would be a good place for a UFO to land. She doesn't know where this thought came from.

At this point, a feeling of dread passed through her — a fear which had no apparent cause considering the setting they were in. Unbidden memories emerged of an episode from the night of the 7/8th August 1993. She found herself wondering how on Earth she could have forgotten the highly unusual, very disturbing episode?

III. AUGUST THE SEVENTH/EIGHTH

On the seventh of August 1993 Kelly and Andrew were travelling to their friend's place to celebrate the friend's daughter's 18th birthday. On the outskirts of Belgrave, just after dark, Kelly, who was in the passenger seat, was startled to glimpse, for 2-3 seconds, a circle of round, orange lights sitting in a paddock. Andrew, as driver, and travelling at about 100km/hr, apparently did not see them, and Kelly, deep in thought as to what they could have been, did not mention it to Andrew for some five minutes. They then discussed whether or not it could have been an aircraft or a helicopter, but Andrew was not open to her discussion on the observation and the conversation about it was brief.

After arriving at her friend's place Andrew told people what Kelly had seen, and Kelly received a ribbing from those present about it. There was even talk of little green men. Kelly and her friend then went off to play bingo and returned to the friend's place at about 11 pm. After coffee and a chat Andrew and Kelly set off home. Although they did not look at a clock their estimate of the time of departure placed it as about 11.45 pm. The normal duration of the trip home was about 90 minutes.

Traffic was light on the road home to Melbourne, and travelling down-hill between Belgrave and Fountain Gate an object was again sighted. This time it seemed to be hovering above the road, at about twice tree-top height, some 400-500m to their front. The bottom half of it was a grouping of circular, orange lights, while the top seemed solid. It was identical to the object Kelly had seen on the way up to their friend's.

As they got closer to it, Kelly thought that there were figures visible in the lights and told her husband of this observation. Andrew also looked at the object, which then took off at speed to their left.

IV. CLOSE ENCOUNTER:

A couple of kilometres further along the road, a brilliant light was encountered which appeared to take up the width of the road, and was directly in front of them. Kelly needed to shield her eyes to look at it. Her heart was racing, and adrenalin pumping. The couple talked about what they were seeing.

Suddenly, within a split second of driving towards the light, the next memory was of sitting in the car, but feeling relaxed, with a normal pulse and no adrenalin flow. The two of them were puzzled as to what had happened to the light towards which they had, seconds ago, been driving? Kelly commented that she felt as if she'd experienced a black-out. Discussion on this apparent "missing time" continued over the next half hour, with Kelly certain that some time had passed and Andrew suggesting that she'd been daydreaming. However, both felt they were suffering unexplained stomach pain and that the car smelled of vomit.

Upon arrival home they checked the time and the

clock showed that it was 2.30 am, whereas it should have been about 1.15am.

V. AFTER-EFFECTS

Before going to bed Kelly went to the bathroom, and found a red, triangular mark beneath her navel and a small "cut" on her bikini line similar to a laparoscopy marking. This cut seemed only a couple of days old. She knew immediately what the "cut" was as she had undergone exploratory surgery previously. Neither mark had previously been there. In addition, although not due for her menstruation, she had started to bleed.

The unexplained bleeding continued for 3 1/2 weeks resulting in her becoming ill to the point of needing hospitalisation for an infection of the womb. She found out that the normal cause of an infected womb was either a self-terminating pregnancy or an infection brought about following surgery. A pregnancy test proved negative, and she had not undergone recent surgery. The doctor however, concluded that she must have been pregnant, thus leading to an infected womb.

VI. MORE MEMORIES:

What you have read so far were the initial memories recalled. Over a period of a few hours more memories emerged which broadened the recollection of events of that morning. These memories emerged as a series of

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unfolding flashbacks, e.g. one was of bending down in the car to pick up her handbag, another, was of standing in the middle of the road. She'd get a 30-second piece of recall, then nothing, then another short recall.

As they continued to drive towards the light, upon turning a bend in the road, it transpired that the object was on the right-hand side of the road and at ground level. At the spot where the encounter occurred the road takes a curve around a gully, and it is possible to see the location from along a 1km stretch.

As they halted their vehicle, Kelly observed that another road vehicle had come to a halt, some 100 metres behind them, back down the road, with a number of people in it. Andrew and Kelly, who stopped to pick up her handbag, got out of the car and walked across the road, and stared into the gully where the object rested. At this point they were some 5 metres away from the road, by a fence-line. The only landmarks that they could see were a slight embankment and a little tree line. They stood awestruck and looked. After some 30 seconds, a figure came towards them. It was rather tall, black in colour, and was of a different shape from a human being, being too tall and skinny.

She drew her husband's attention to the being and then Kelly decided to contact the being by thought, but was instantly flooded with a sensation of fear. From a distance of 100-150m the creature's eyes lit up red. Kelly stated to Andrew "*They've got no souls,*" before screaming.

She then became aware that there were in fact a number of these creatures approaching, seemingly floating over the ground as if they weren't walking. The entities split up, some came towards Andrew and Kelly, and others went towards the other vehicle and its occupants. Kelly found her mind becoming confused and she couldn't focus on anything. She really yelled to the other people: "*They're evil. They're going to kill us!*"

Suddenly, there was a sensation in her stomach which caused her to fall backwards through the air, landing on her back (later an electric fence was located at this site and was perhaps the stimulus for this sensation). She sat up, trying to remain conscious, feeling physically sick and catching her breath. She could not see - she felt blinded, but could hear her husband's voice nearby. He seemed terrified and spoke: "*Let go of me!*" In response came a male voice, which Kelly felt she had heard somewhere before but couldn't place it: "*We mean you no harm.*" Further dialogue ensued, at the end of which Kelly felt sick, put her head between her legs and passed out.

Coming to again, she was still sitting on the ground, and she couldn't see but formed the impression that there were a lot of "people" around her. She still felt nauseous, sweaty, with head spinning. The same male voice, speaking as if addressing a crowd, said: "*We are a peaceful people.*" Kelly broke down and cried. A hand then touched her on the shoulder, a gentle touch, but this sent her into a rage.

The next conscious memory found her back in the car but unable to recall anything after seeing the light.

VII. HOME AGAIN - THE DREAM:

Arriving home, they went to bed and Kelly dreamed. In this dream she was on the ground, at the encounter site, sitting down. Her vision was clearing. She could see beings but only from the elbows down, she couldn't see the top half of them. She then saw her husband being led away down a slope to the object. Somehow, she knew that the creature leading him was female. Feeling enraged she rushed towards the creature and grabbed its arm, only then to black out.

Coming round, Kelly could see the grounded object and a middle-aged woman was yelling "*Murderess*" to Kelly, who had a body at her feet. Kelly then felt an arm around her and she was led away. Finding herself in a small room, with a being present, whose face she could not see, the being informed her that she hadn't really killed anyone but that they had used her sense of morality to overcome her fear.

VIII. NEXT MORNING:

When she woke up the next morning she would vividly recall the above dream. She noted there was also mud on the soles and heels of her shoes, and can recall having had to jump over a muddy ditch to get to their viewing position on the side of the road.

IX. REGRESSION:

This, then, was Kelly's conscious recollection, of encountering an unusual object, of there being other human witnesses to the event; of seeing creatures and an apparent period of "missing time", of some of which she became aware.

During a visit to Adelaide, South Australia where the author lives, she decided to undergo regression hypnosis conducted by a fully qualified psychologist. Although describing her recollections of the 7th August in detail, she was unable to penetrate beyond the pre-existing conscious memories. No abduction scenario emerged.

X. SURROUNDING EVENTS:

As with many other close encounter experiences, Kelly's 7th August event was not set in isolation. Below are detailed a few of these surrounding events.

In about July 1993 she went on a spiritual retreat for 3 weeks, using her back-room. One night she was sitting, awake, on the edge of the bed, when she became aware of someone speaking to her. She listened intently and discovered she couldn't move an inch from her bed. There was some kind of power present. She found herself in shock, went as white as a ghost, and couldn't remember what she had heard.

Shortly after the August event very unusual episodes would occur. The television turned itself on and off. Kelly would get up during the night to find the TV on even though they had turned it off before going to bed. It would then switch itself off. Light bulbs blew at

a higher incidence rate than normal. The VCR raced forwards, backwards and ejected cassettes all by itself. At first it would happen and they'd catch it as they walked into the room. Later it did it in front of them.

Their motor vehicle in the driveway, tried to start up all by itself, with the doors locked and the "kill" switch on. The engine would turn over but never actually start. Andrew would run down to see who was trying to steal the car but found no one there.

Although she regards herself as having been "psychic" prior to the event she feels that these abilities have been ten times more evident since August.

Several times, a small, orange ball of fire, the size of an orange, has been seen to hit windows in the house. It came from nowhere and simply ran into the window, and made a cracking sound.

XI. ENDPICEE:

Kelly's and Andrew's accounts are in themselves an interesting CE3 event with an apparent period of missing time. The marks Kelly found on herself are also indicative of an abduction event, even though neither Kelly nor Andrew consciously recalls such an experience.

This encounter would intrigue in itself, but Phenomena Research Australia researcher John Auchetl was able to locate the other party, of three people, who also independently recall observing the same entities and UFO that night, and more than that. Part 2 will continue the saga of the Belgrave incident.

Dear Gordon

Due to circumstances beyond my control I am unable to submit to you part 2 of my article titled: "*Abducted: An Australian Independently Witnessed Event?*"

I have just been advised that the second party of three people involved in the incident have sold the rights to their story to a major German magazine, and that John Auchetl is no longer able to release his report upon which I was to base part 2 of my article.

John's report was to have been released last October, when I wrote part 1, and I expected to have a copy in my hands within days of despatching part 1 to you, and intended part 2 to follow almost immediately. Delay upon delay occurred and the final straw was advised to me.

I sincerely apologise to readers for being unable to report upon this most interesting event. When the magazine article appears we will all learn whether or not this event really was an independently witnessed abduction event.

Would you kindly publish this letter for your readers' information?

Yours sincerely

Keith Basterfield

March 24, 1995

WATER THIEVES

By Gordon Creighton

It seems that before long the shortage of water will have become one of the most serious of the many problems facing mankind in various parts of the world. On page 9 of FSR 40/1 (Spring 1995) we reported briefly that, on the evening of Monday, February 27, Karen Conlon, a 31-year-old woman from Runcorn, Cheshire, as well as several other people, saw something descend from the sky and apparently suck up water from the River Mersey.

As I stated in that brief note, this sort of thing is nothing new. And over the forty years of FSR's existence we have published numerous reports (mostly from the USA and Australia) about alien machines that siphon off huge quantities of water from our lakes and rivers. In two of his three very important books on the UFO Problem the late M.K. Jessup speculated a great deal around this theme and suggested considerable cogent evidence for the existence of huge tanker craft engaged in receiving the discs that purloin precious liquid, and in carrying it off to the Moon, or Mars, or elsewhere.

One night, about 20 years ago, over a lake near my own home, I think I may possibly have seen a craft that was engaged in that very operation. On some suitable future occasion we may find it worthwhile to devote some space in FSR to a discussion of the question whether - as many people seem to believe - alien beings (or some species of them) may be simply using this water as fuel for their craft? There are a number of pointers worthy of consideration.

In the case of Karen Conlon of Runcorn, it seems she told the newspaper *The World* (Widnes) edition of March 2 that six other passers-by had also observed the strange object, on the night of Monday, February 27, as they were walking along Fair View Walk at Castlefields. She said: "The light above the Mersey River was orange-coloured, and at first I thought it was simply a street lamp. I kept watching it, and then I realized it was too high to be a lamp, and too low to be an aeroplane. I stopped again to look, and three teenage girls and a boy of about 16 and also a young couple, all stopped, and everyone was amazed at what we were seeing.

"The lad noticed a black beam, from underneath the craft, going into the water, and it appeared to be sucking the water up.

"We all stood there for about ten minutes watching in disbelief. The craft was stationary for a long time. Then it moved and looked to be heading towards Warrington. The three girls who were watching with us started waving and it turned and headed towards us. It was then that I got quite nervous. *The shape of the craft changed from circular to rectangular* and it tilted, and I could see six red lights underneath.

"Then it stopped and headed towards Helsby and disappeared."

Karen said she was previously "very sceptical about UFOs," but is now baffled by what she saw. "I felt more uneasy than frightened, but curiosity got the better of me", she said. "Whatever it is, I think the public has a right to know what's going on. I really want the other people who were with me to come forward to verify what I have said." Air Traffic Control at Liverpool and at Manchester said they had no record of any craft being in the area at the time. But British Airways pilot Captain Roger Willis and his co-pilot Captain Stuart had reported seeing a similar "orange rectangular", craft over Congleton as they were trying to land their *Boeing 737* jet at Manchester Airport three weeks earlier. The two pilots said they were both shaken by what they had seen. The air controllers said that their *Boeing 737* was the only thing showing up on the radar at that time.

In a second lead-article a week later (March 9, 1995) the *Widnes World* continued the story and said "UFO fever" was sweeping Runcorn. The four teenagers mentioned by Karen Conlon had now come forward and contacted the newspaper, and so had numerous other Runcorn residents who had weird and strange experiences and sightings to report - mostly of lights and objects in the sky. Some witnesses said they had been seeing them for several months past

A WEIRD NIGHT AND MISSING TIME ON THE PENNINE HILLS

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(The Rochdale UFO Research Group)

[The following hair-raising report comes to us from Mr. & Mrs. Jones of the Rochdale Group, 116 Louise Street, Smallbridge, Rochdale, Lancs., OL12 9RT, and concerns the experiences of two teenagers, "John" and "Michelle", while seated in their car high up on the Pennine Hills on the night of November 5, 1994. EDITOR

INTRODUCTION

For two Rochdale youngsters remembering November 5th will never be a problem again, because it was on Guy Fawkes night of 1994 that they were subjected to a frightening ordeal that has left them both emotionally drained.

It is not often that an investigator has a case that is literally "hot off the press", but I got to know about this one a little over a week after the event. I was approached by the mother of one of the young people, who told me that as a result of something that had happened to her son "John" and his girl friend, he ("John") was suffering from bad nightmares and severe mood changes. She asked for my help and I arranged for the couple to be interviewed on video. With my colleague Colin Howarth, we arranged for the interview to take place at the home of "Michelle's" parents, and it was noticeable that all through this remarkably candid and open interview both young people were suffering from emotional stress. The following is an account of what happened.

THE EVENTS

In their quest for privacy, the couple had decided to drive high up into the Pennine Hills above Rochdale to carry on their courting. The night was clear, and from their position they had a panoramic view as they sat in their car. A private Yorkshire radio station was being received loud and clear on the car radio when the couple first noticed something strange. The clock on the dash-board of the car could be heard ticking loudly, so loudly in fact that they could hear it over the sound of the radio; so much so indeed that the couple turned the radio off for a while to listen to the clock, which seemed to be getting ever louder!

Then John noticed that the inside of the door-panel on his side (driver's) was giving off heat, and was even uncomfortable to the touch.

It was then that John noticed something in his wing mirror which he described as "very brilliant flashes of light, brighter than any lightning he had seen". When he turned his head round he saw what he described as a large luminous cloud, with bright flashing lights inside it, coming

towards them. He also heard a noise that he likened to "a resonating drone."

For some reason he couldn't explain, the young man was overcome by a sense of panic, and he decided to turn the car round and leave the area. So he put it into reverse and turned the car to face the lights, which were now overhead, illuminating the entire area including the inside of the car.

He pressed the button to close the windows, but found that they stuck after rising about an inch. He also noticed that Michelle was laughing in an hysterical manner.

John put his foot down hard on the accelerator to an extent that would normally have set the car shooting forward, but, despite the fact that the rev counter on the dash-board indicated great acceleration, the

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