

The Strange Case of Mrs. X

A Terrifying Ordeal in Somerset, abduction and assault by UFOonauts.

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This investigation, headed by Barry M. King, is one of considerable controversy. The actual alleged encounter was experienced by only one subject, no other witnesses being present. If it were just on this testimony that the objective validity of the experience rested, then such could well be in question, and due to its nature pure fantasy may be considered a reasonable conclusion. However, due to the fact that the series of unusual events did not end with the actual alleged encounter, we have further testimony relating to the strange happenings, surroundings, and visits paid to; Mrs. X in the ensuing period. We therefore feel that the Somerset Case is of considerable importance, and should not go unpublished.

The following report involves a claim of Sexual Assault, the actual details of which, for obvious reasons, being omitted here. We hope however that the mention of such an experience will not offend the readers of this publication.

For obvious reasons personal details of the witness, name, address, phone number, etc., are withheld but are on file. The witness will be referred to as Mrs. X.

HOW THE REPORT CAME OUR WAY

On Thursday, 12th October, 1977, I received a telephone call from a woman, her call had something to do with UFO's, a very common thing in my home. My mother answered the phone as I was working on the car outside, she called me in to speak to the person. The woman had a foreign accent, one I could not place at first and spoke in broken English. She wanted to know if I was involved with UFO research and if I was in any way connected with the "Review", assuming this to be Flying Saucer Review I stated, yes I was, to both questions. She went on to relate a UFO sighting of hers some years previously, up until now she had contacted a few doctors and psychiatrists all of whom put the episode down to to hallucination. She wanted someone to listen to her story without ridicule or scorn and hoped she could rely on me. She stated that she would like me to make a few checks to see if any sightings were reported in Somerset (where she lives) during 1973, she really wanted confirmation by someone else of her sighting. I said I would see what could be done and let her know. She

said she would ring back in one week for the info. I tried asking several times how she obtained my phone number and assumed that I was connected with UFO research, but somehow she never got round to answering. During this first call she related the main details but I sensed she was holding back most of what happened to her during the encounter. She seemed very sincere but frightened and I spent the next ten minutes gaining her confidence, she said she was sure she had contacted the right person at last. I told her that I would do everything I could to help her, thanking me again she promised to phone back the following Thursday and rang off.

Obviously during this first call I tried to obtain her name, address and phone number but she would give only her name and town of residence as she was still very worried about any possible snowballing and unwanted publicity. She said she preferred not to give too much information too soon, at least not until she felt she could trust me fully. I agreed, not wishing to push things. In all, this call lasted about 25 minutes.

SECOND PHONE CALL
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True to her word Mrs. X phoned again at the time stated but I was busy and my father answered, he asked if I could come to the phone but I shouted back down the hall that I had my hands full and could not, he asked for a number so that I could ring her back within a

few minutes. It seems she became scared when my father answered and then asked for her phone number because she stated she would ring back in half an hour and put the receiver down, as if not wanting to speak to anyone but myself.

Over a period of several weeks she phoned me and gave more details and I sensed she became more relaxed. I spoke to her husband on a few occasions, both sounded very sincere and truthful. These calls, mainly on a Thursday, lasted usually around 20-25 minutes but some went on for 45 minutes to an hour. Mrs. X stated, that for reasons she could not yet say, she was only able to phone me on a Thursday, "They will only let me use the phone on a Thursday" were her exact words. 'They' remained a mystery for a short while but were mentioned in a later phone conversation quite by accident. These calls went on during October and November 1977 and virtually culminated shortly after the personal visit myself and Andy Collins paid to the scene of the "1973 encounter", in November 1977. During these phone calls I tried to get across to them that this type of report must be fully investigated.

Both Mr. and Mrs. X seemed astonished that anyone would wish to write about such things let alone publish it, they only gave me the details to get it off their chest so to speak, and certainly did not dream of having the sighting fully recorded by anyone. A