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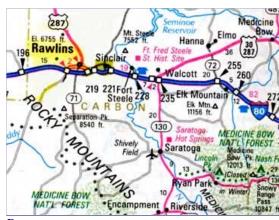
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#### Part 1: Elk Hunter Meets Non-Human

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"I raised my rifle and fired, but the bullet only went about 50 feet and dropped (straight down). I looked over to my right and there in the shadow was this sort of man standing there."

- Carl Higdon, Wyoming elk hunter, October 25, 1974



 $Rawlins, Wyoming is more than a mile high in the Rocky Mountains \\ north of the Medicine Bow National Forest and northwest of Laramie and Cheyenne.$ 

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October 8, 2007 Laramie, Wyoming - Thirty-three years ago this month, a highly strange case in the modern history of human and UFO encounters occurred at the northern boundary of the Medicine Bow National Forest south of Rawlins, Wyoming. Leo Sprinkle, Ph.D., was Prof. of Psychology and Director of the Division of Counseling and Testing at the University of Wyoming in Laramie, Wyoming, on October 29, 1974, when he received phone calls about an elk hunter's UFO encounter four days earlier on Friday, October 25, 1974. The story broke in the *Rawlins Daily Times* on Tuesday, October 29, 1974, in an article by Sue Taylor.

## Rawlins man describes Oct-25, 1974 hunting experience

Y SUE TAYLOR "Everyone will think I'm a quack, but it really happened," Carl Higden said Monday. He was referring to his elk hunting tripheriday which turned into a bizarre experience for him.

Higdon was hunting south of Rawlins on the north boundary of the national forest about 4 p.m. Friday when his "experience" began to unfold.

"I walked down over this hill and saw five elk," Higdon said. "I raised my rifle and fired, but the bullet only went about 50 feet and dropped. I looked over to my right and there in the shadow was this sort of man standing there.

Higdon said the "man" was about six-foot-two and weighed 180 pounds. He was dressed in a black suit and black shoes and wore a belt with a star in the middle and a yellow emblem. He was quite bowlegged and had a slanted head. His forehead and facial features were similar to humans but he had no chin. His hair was thin and stood straight up on his head, Higdon said.

"He asked me if I was hungry and I said yes," Higdon said, "So he tossed me some pills and I took one. I don't know why I did it - I never take pills of any kind unless a doctor prescribes them, not even asprin."

Higdon said the "man" then pointed, what resembled a long finger at him and the next thing he knew, he was in a seven by

seven foot cubicle with two "men" and the five elk.
"He asked me if I wanted to go

with him and I said 'yes', Higdon said. "I told my wife a long time ago, when these stories about UFO's and strange creatures were coming out, that if I ever got a chance, I would talk with them or go with them."

Hidon said the "men" placed a helmet on him with a strap around his neck. Six wires were sticking out from it on three sides, Higdon said. The "men" then told him they were going "home" which was 163,00 miles away.

"In no time we arrived at this tall tower similar to a rotating restaurant like the Seattle Space Needle," Hidgon said. "The lights there were so intense and hurt my eyes a lot and the "men" said our sun affects them in the same way."

Higdon noted that the "men" were never in the sunlight but always in the shade.

Because the light was so intense on his eyes, Higdon said the "men" said they would take him home.

"The next thing I remember is talking to Roy Fleming on the radio," he said.

Fleming is manager of the Maddox Well Service and Higdon is employed by AM Well Service of Riverton.

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"My truck was about three miles from where I parked it," Higdon said. "It's only a twowheel drive and was in a mud hole where no one without a fourwheel drive would attempt to go.'

After Higdon was rescued by the Carbon County Sheriff's officers, he was taken to Carbon County Memorial Hospital for observation.
"My doctor said there were no

bruises on me and I wasn't bruises on me and I wasn't bleeding anywhere, but I'm still suffering from headaches and a backache," Higden said. Higden's wife said she and twe

friends went looking for her husband when he failed to return home on time and as they approached the area they saw a bright red, white and green light resembling a large star. Mrs. Higdon said it was too high for a helicopter but too low for an airplane.

Higdon said he does not drink and does not take drugs of any



7mm bullet that Carl Higdon saw drop straight down to the ground about 50 feet from where Carl shot his rifle at an elk around 4 p.m., October 25, 1974, 40 miles south of Rawllins, Wyoming, in the Medicine Bow National Forest. Original Polaroid photograph taken in November 1974 by Leo Sprinkle, Ph.D.



**Left:** Smashed bullet. **Right:** Spent rifle cartridge minus bullet. Photograph © 1974 by Carl Higdon.



Carl Higdon, 41-years-old, and wife, Margery, in November 1974. Photo © 1974 by Leo Sprinkle, Ph.D.

After reading the newspaper that day and receiving the phone calls from Rick Kenyon, Art Teacher in the public schools of Rawlins, Wyoming, and from Robert Nantkes, Vocational Rehabilitation Counselor in Riverton, Wyoming, Prof. Sprinkle wrote down the following summary of the highly strange experience described by a 41-year-old oil rigger who had gone elk hunting.

R. Leo Sprinkle, Ph.D. Summary of Carl Higdon UFO Experience: "According to the newspaper article, Carl Higdon (an oil driller for the Am Well Service of Riverton, Wyoming) had been hunting elk on the north edge of the Medicine Bow National Forest (40 miles south of Rawlins) at 4:00 p.m., Friday, October 25. Then, approximately at 6:30 p.m., he called on the radio of the pickup truck, which he had been driving. By talking with his boss, Roy Fleming, Carl was able to give directions about the approximate location of

the pickup truck. He said that it was parked approximately three miles from where he parked it initially; it was in a 'mud hole' where no one would drive a two-wheel-drive vehicle.

"A rescue party (Sheriff Ogburn, Deputy Sheriff Ed Tierney, Roy Fleming, Bob Rosacker, Dave Martin, Harold Schurtz) drove several four-wheel-drive pickup trucks into the area. With difficulty, they found Carl and the truck (approximately at 11:40 p.m., Friday, October 25). The truck was towed out by the four-wheel-drive trucks.

"Mrs. Margery Higdon, Carl's wife, was with Mr. and Mrs. Don James. They were waiting about two or three miles from the area where Carl was located. During the rescue operation, they observed a flashing light for about 20 minutes. the light changed from red to green to white, in a pulsing pattern and moved in an arc, which was described as 'three feet,' at arm's length.

"When Carl was found, he was described as dazed and confused. He had difficulty in talking and recognizing his wife. He said he was taken to Carbon County Memorial Hospital, approximately at 2:00 a.m., Monday, October 28, 1974.

"During his hospitalization, Carl said that the physician, Dr. Tongca, had X-rays taken. Carl was told that the films were OK. (However, he had been hospitalized for TB at one time before in Kimball, Nebraska. Chest X-rays in 1958 and 1970 had indicated there were scar tissues on his lungs, according to a Kimball, Nebraska physician.) During his recent hospitalization, a nurse, Ms. Ella Petterson, told Carl that he was, 'OK,' and his blood was 'OK.' In fact, it was 'super, very rich.'

"Carl is hopeful that information can be obtained from medical personnel, which will support these statements. However, the Sheriff has made some public statements that raise questions about his acceptance of the report.

"Rick Kenyon said that he had interviewed Carl Higdon and obtained the basic description of his experience, plus some drawings of the 'man.' (entity below) Carl had agreed to other interviews, plus the use of hypnotic techniques for the purpose of obtaining further information about his experience.



Illustration of odd, android-like entity encountered on October 25, 1974, by Carl Higdon for Mutual UFO Network (MUFON) investigator Rick Kenyon.

"On Saturday, November 2, 1974, Bob Nantkes (MUFON) and I met with Rick Kenyon (MUFON), who had arranged an afternoon appointment with Carl Higdon at his home. From approximately 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m., we talked with Mr. and Mrs. Higdon, their children and several relatives about their reactions to the events of October 25, 1974. The pendulum technique and other hypnotic procedures were utilized to obtain more information from Carl about his UFO experience.

"Then, on Sunday, November 17, 1974, Rick Kenyon and I talked with Carl Higdon, his wife and children, from 11:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m., including an hour of hypnotic procedures. Also present for a short period was Mrs. Marilyn James, who described her reactions to the experience of observing a flashing green-red-white light over the area where Carl was waiting for the rescue party.

"During the interviews, photographs were taken of the map area where Carl had been elk hunting. Also, photographs were taken of the bullet, which Carl had retrieved and placed in his canteen pouch. He was willing to release the bullet so that Dr. Walker, Aerial Phenomenon Research Organization (APRO) consultant could examine it. However, Carl asked that the bullet be returned after the examination.

"Carl indicated that he was willing to have his name associated with the UFO report. However, he wishes that his address be omitted from any publication of the report. He believes that most people accept his story, but he wishes to prevent any 'crank' calls.

"My impression of Carl Higdon is that he is a man of integrity, with average education, but a keen sense of curiosity about the world around him. He is an outdoors man and seems to have developed good skills of estimating size and distance.

"Although the sighting of a single UFO witness often is difficult to evaluate, the indirect evidence supports the tentative conclusion that Carl Higdon is reporting sincerely the events which he experienced. Hopefully, further statements from other persons can be obtained to support the basic statement."

To be continued in **Part 2** - Hypnosis Session with Carl Higdon

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