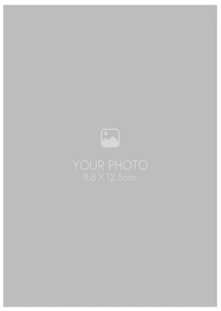
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MYSTERY LIGHTS APPEAR OVER RIVERTOWN SKY

AUTHORITIES BAFFLED, LOCALS CLAIM "IT WAS LIKE DAYLIGHT AT MIDNIGHT"

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RIVERTOWN, TUESDAY — A wave of awe and confusion swept through Rivertown on Monday night, as dozens of residents witnessed a series of bright, color-shifting lights hovering silently in the sky just after 11:45 PM. According to eyewitnesses, the lights appeared suddenly over the downtown area, forming a loose triangular pattern that pulsed rhythmically for nearly seven minutes before vanishing without a trace. The event, captured on multiple smartphones and shared widely online, has prompted a flood of theories — from the plausible to the paranormal. "I was walking my dog when the whole street lit up like it was noon," said Carl Dempsey, a retired electrician. "At first, I thought it was a helicopter searchlight, but there was no sound. It was completely silent." The Rivertown Police Department issued a brief statement Tuesday morning, saying that "no aircraft or

> *"We're not ruling anything out," said Officer Maya Greene. "But we are asking the public to avoid jumping to conclusions. Investigations are ongoing."*

scheduled aerial events were registered at the time of the incident," and confirmed that local radar systems recorded "unusual interference" for approximately nine minutes. The Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) has been notified and is said to be reviewing satellite and airspace data. Meanwhile, representatives from the Rivertown Observatory have suggested that the lights could be the result of a rare high-atmosphere plasma event, possibly triggered by solar activity — although, as astrophysicist Dr. Lin Tran cautions, "such events are extremely rare and typically not visible in this region.







