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CASH-LANDRUM HELICOPTER INJURY CASE

1. **December 29, 1980, near Huffman, Texas, 2100 to 2130 hours**
2. **Flying object that created the situation**
3. **Incident Report as submitted to Bob Gribble by the Dayton, Texas police department**
4. **Locale of the incident NE of Houston, Texas on FM 1960 at Huffman, TX. They were driving from New Caney to Dayton, TX.**
5. **Better map of the Huffman area**
6. **City road sign at Huffman, TX**
7. **Betty Cash driving accompanied by Vicki Landrum and her grandson - Colby**
8. **Vicki Landrum age 57 and grandson age 7 (Vicki was employed by Betty at her restaurant.)**
9. **Betty was driving her new 1980 Oldsmobile. They had been looking for a bingo game, couldn't find one so had an evening meal at a restaurant in New Caney, Texas. (Betty planned to open a new restaurant in Dayton so they were looking for ideas.)**
10. **Colby saw a bright light in the distance over the pine trees. When they made a turn in the road, they saw this brightly illuminated object with fire spewing out of the bottom directly over the highway below tree top level.**
11. **Betty stopped her car in the middle of the highway, since she was afraid to drive under the object with fire spewing from its bottom, because it may have damaged her new Oldsmobile and the occupants.**
12. **All three of them got out of their car to view this unusual flying object. They said it was the size of the water tower in Dayton, TX.**
13. **Betty stepped out in front of her car and looked upward to the lighted object 135 feet in front of her.**
14. **Drawing of the object that would rise above the tree tops when the flame blower was operational and then settle down toward the highway.**
15. **Colby was so frightened that he jumped back into the car and begged his grandmother to do so also, which she did. Vicki leaned forward with her fingers on the padded**

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dashboard. The heat caused her fingers to sink into the padded dashboard leaving permanent impressions. The only way Vicki could stop Colby from crying was to tell him to look for Jesus to come out of the flame.

16. When Betty returned to her automobile, the handle was so hot that she had to use the sleeve of her leather jacket as a "hotpad" to open the door.

17. As they observed the glowing craft, a large number of helicopters starting circling around the unusual craft.

18. All three of them counted 23 helicopters. Many of them were readily identified as Chinook CH-47s due to their dual rotors and wheels on the bottom. The high illumination from the UFO lit up the sky like daylight, therefore it was easy to count and identify the CH-47s. The other smaller helicopters were probably Bell or Huey, since they were unable to identify them when shown pictures by John Schuessler.

19. This is the prime investigator for the Cash-Landrum Case, John F. Schuessler, who formerly planned to speak here in Seoul. John is MUFON's Deputy Director and a Director of McDonnell Douglas Astronautics at the Johnson Space Center in Houston, TX.

20. Vicki Landrum is shown pointing to where the craft hovered over the highway to Alan Holt. The trees are about 60 feet tall.

21. Alan Holt assisted John Schuessler with the investigation. Alan is an engineer employed by NASA to build the space station.

22. When Betty, Vicki and Colby drove back home to Dayton, TX, each was suffering sunburn, eye irritation, and nausea. When they attempted to take showers, they had to use cold water since the warm or hot water was unbearable to their skin. They still have to take cold showers after ten years. Colby vomited throughout the night. Vicki had blisters over the exposed skin of her body and later over her entire body.

23. The next morning, they had to rush Betty Cash to the hospital, since she was unable to get out of bed. Her throat was swollen shut preventing her from drinking any water. She had large open blisters over her body that had been exposed to the heat and radiation of the UFO.

24. At the hospital, the doctors treated her for serious skin burns, since they were not familiar with radiation burns. Her beautiful auburn colored hair began falling out in large handfuls.

25. She lost 75% of the hair on her head. Vicki Landrum had told Colby not to tell anyone what had happened that night, not even his grandfather. This made it difficult for the doctors to treat Mrs. Cash at the hospital. She couldn't even talk. When she was admitted the second time, Colby told the doctors about their experience and thus helped them administer proper treatment.
26. Vicki Landrum's eyes were injured causing them to continue to "water," and required new glasses with a dark tint.
27. Photograph of a typical open sore on Vicki's left hand that also occurred over most of her body.
28. Series of sores on her arm and many scars from former blisters and sores.
29. Note the dark tinted glasses that Vicki must wear to counteract the light and sun.
30. Colby Landrum, at age 8, received the least exposure to the heat and radiation because he got down on the floor in the front seat of the car.
31. Vicki Landrum was hypnotized by Dr. R. Leo Sprinkle to determine if she could remember additional details of their UFO experience. She repeated the same information that she had consciously remembered.
32. After the experience Colby was afraid of helicopters and ran indoors whenever one passed over. This is a Chinook CH-47 that was on public display in Dayton, TX, where visitors were invited to walk through and talk to the pilot. The pilot at first said he was involved in the Cash/Landrum experience, but then denied it when they got his name and autograph. This CH-47 was from Ellington AFB south of Houston, Texas.
33. A letter from Lt General Richard G. Trefry, U.S. Army, The Inspector General; replying to the request of Frederick L. Whiting for the official investigation report conducted by the U.S. Army of the Cash/Landrum Case under the Freedom of Information Act.
34. First page of "Memorandum For Division Chief" by Lt. Col. Sarran after conducting his investigation of the case.
35. John Schuessler accompanied the Lt. Colonel, stationed at the Pentagon, to interview each of the witnesses except Betty Cash, starting with Vicki Landrum. John became suspicious of the competency of Lt. Colonel George C. Sarran when he didn't know how to operate his own tape recorder. John was taping every interview alongside the Colonel so they would have identical material.

36. The third page of the report has a few deletions in the last paragraph where 2 1/2 lines were covered with white correction tape. Report was signed by:

George C. Sarran
Lieutenant Colonel, I.G.
Assistance Division

(He was actually an accountant at the Pentagon
and not an investigator)

37. Mrs. Vicki Landrum and her grandson, Colby, return with John Schuessler to the site of the UFO experience. Road crews came in very shortly after the incident and replaced the portion of the blacktop highway that was cracked and buckled up due to the heat and flames from the hovering illuminated object (UFO).

38. Attorney Peter A. Gersten volunteered to represent Betty Cash, Vicki Landrum, and Colby to sue the U.S. Government for hospital and doctor expenses that have become horrendous.

39. When Mr. Gersten addressed a letter to the Department of the Air Force, this is the reply in which they denied the claims based upon the inability to prove that the helicopters were owned by the U.S. Government.

40. Mr. Gersten appealed the decision and the claim was again denied on 2 September 1983.

41. Major Dennis Haire, local commander for eight Chinook Texas National Guard helicopters stationed at Ellington AFB, south of Houston, TX, was interviewed and advised that none of their CH-47s were flying at the approximate time. (A relative of a MUFON member who is a mechanic for these helicopters personally examined the log books of each CH-47 and confirmed that there was no entry for that particular Monday night.)

42. The Houston International Airport is 35 miles southwest of Huffman, Texas. Since they had no record of radar sightings due to the low elevation of the helicopters, other radar detecting locations were checked out. This is a map of the temporary radars set up to detect drug smuggling into the United States. Two at El Paso and Laredo, TX are radar antennae attached to balloons and the AWACs is an aircraft with ground scanning radar. (Note that there is a wide open space on the east corner of Texas and the state of Louisiana where low flying aircraft could enter undetected.)

43. This is a map of the flight path that could have been taken by the helicopters and UFO from the Gulf of Mexico to Huffman, Texas, and then back out into the Gulf. (The UFO could have been a nuclear powered illumination device being developed by an aerospace company in the U.S.A. flying from an aircraft carrier in the Gulf of Mexico that went out of control.)

44. Peter A. Gersten, J.D., speaking at the MUFON 1985 International UFO Symposium in St. Louis, Missouri. He filed the suit against the U.S. Government in South Texas Federal Court.
45. First page of the Civil Action, File Number H-84-348 in the United States District Court for the Southern District of Texas by the plaintiffs Betty Cash, Vicki Landrum, individually and as a guardian of Colby Landrum.
46. Second page of the suit seeking judgment for five million dollars from the U.S. Government.
47. Third page of the judgement with Peter A. Gersten's signature as filed and the amount of the judgment being sought.
48. Peter A. Gersten, the attorney representing Betty Cash, Vicki and Colby Landrum.
49. The order for civil action on H-84-348, dated January 31, 1985.
50. The official order to reset for Docket Call on September 3, 1985, at 11:00 a.m. and signed by Ross N. Sterling, United States District Judge.
51. Vicki Landrum, one of the plaintiff's in the suit. (Notice the squint of her eyes without protective dark tinted glasses.)
52. Plaintiff's response to Defendant's opposition to Plaintiff's First Amended motion to continue Defendant's Motion to dismiss.
53. First Request for Production of Documents of Plaintiff, Betty Cash et al addressed to Defendant. In the court proceedings, the craft was referred to as a UFO. I felt the government used UFO, so they could plead that it was "An Act of God" since the U.S. Government did not acknowledge the presence of UFOs.
54. Certificate of Service. Reopening of Cash-Landrum case by Bill Shead and Rhonda S. Ross, MUFON attorneys in Houston, TX.
55. Order of Dismissal.
56. Motion for Protective Order Concerning First Request for Production.
57. Second page signed by Frank A. Conforti, Assistant United States Attorney, Attorney for Defendant.

58. Facts presented No. 1 and No. 2 (read from screen)
59. Continuation and Certificate of Service May 1986
60. Colby Landrum, plaintiff in the court case.
61. Betty Cash. After wearing a wig or hairpiece for several years, her hair is coming back. (Loss of hair due to radiation 5 years before.) In the Court Suit, none of the plaintiffs were given an opportunity to testify before the Judge.
62. This is a letter Betty Cash wrote to MUFON people thanking them for their support, dated February 26, 1986.
63. John F. Schuessler, the prime investigator, MUFON Deputy Director of Administration, and MUFON founding member in 1969.
64. Testimony of Generals and Admirals of the U.S. Military denying that the object observed was not a part of their weapons arsenal and if applicable they didn't fly Chinook CH-47 helicopters. (The U.S. Army has the largest fleet of Chinook CH-47s, so the Generals simply didn't respond to the question.)
65. Judge Ross Sterling considered the expert testimony that Generals and Admirals provided to be sufficient reason to dismiss the case. This means that he will not meet Betty Cash, Vicki and Colby Landrum and he will not hear the evidence they wanted their attorneys to present.
66. Colby Landrum in little league baseball uniform a few years after the UFO experience on December 29, 1980. He still rides his dirt track bicycle. His doctor advised him to keep active unless he tires, then to stop.
67. Colby Landrum - the police department in Dayton, Texas, admired Colby and the suffering from radiation which he experienced. A local doctor promised to treat Colby free until either the doctor or Colby died. Colby has since graduated from high school in Dayton, Texas. Two Seguin retired Air Force doctors predicted that Colby may not live until he is 21 years of age due to his radiation exposure.
68. My wife and I visited Vicki Landrum in Dayton, Texas on October 30, 1987, nearly seven years after their experience. This was the first day that she could wear any type of shoe due to sores all over her feet. Vicki and her husband had to sell their home and use their retirement savings to pay doctor bills for herself. She has since lost her husband due to age and is living in subsidized housing.
69. More examples of sores on Vicki's arm.

70. Vicki Landrum on the left and my wife Jeanne on the right during our visit to Dayton, Texas on October 30, 1987.

71. Betty Cash has amassed hospital and doctor bills which she will never be able to pay since she can no longer operate her restaurant or grocery store. In the meantime, she has had a double mastectomy and several heart attacks. Betty is now living with her brother in Alabama.

72. John F. Schuessler is continuing to work and help Betty, Vicki and Colby with the health problems created by their exposure to this craft, even though the U.S. Government has turned their backs to these poor unfortunate people.