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CAMPBELL COUNTY,
TENNESSEE REPORT

Lafollette, Tennessee
Case no. 001

Few hairy hominoid sighting reports receive such widespread
media
attention as the Lafollette, Tennessee reports have. It
reminds me of
the Flintville, TN Monster (
<http://home.fuse.net/rschaffner/bigfootclips.html>) reports
during the
70's. It would seem that such widespread information,
coverage, and
reports of this nature would be taken seriously, but often,
they are
not. Citizens of Tennessee who have seen bigfoot type hominoids
are
often frustrated by the course of such events. As one of these
citizens, who over a period of 38 years, saw the bigfoot and
eventually became a researcher of them, I know the frustrations
of not
being believed.

At least in this case, a Knoxville, University of Tennessee
biologist,

named John Placyk, dared to collect hair samples and feces samples for scientific analyses in order to determine what type of hominoid they belonged to. Placyk has reported the results he found to the news media as inconclusive. It is my personal opinion that this could be taken as a sign that the results did not match anything known, therefore; the label of inconclusive has been applied to the samples.

I wish to point out that the feces samples were reported to contain nothing in the way of parasites or other matter that could be used to discern the origin of the animal it belonged to, which of course is ridiculous in nature. The feces cannot be sterile when it comes from a living creature. One can only hope that further testing will result in more conclusive information. However, since such tests are expensive, often such samples collect dust in the laboratory and are eventually thrown away. We can only hope that this doesn't happen in this case of reported unknown hominoids. I would also like to say that feces is not a reliable source for tests of this nature, and have been reported by other scientists, and one primatologist (Dr. Henner Fahrenbach) to be almost useless in nature unless it is obtained almost immediately after it is dropped.

I would like to add to this investigative report, the fact that the eyewitnesses on whose property that the samples were collected from, have been told by their source, that the hair samples taken by John Placyk did come up as being from an unknown primate, which is par for the course in such investigations. It is odd that the results of the hair samples were reported as inconclusive to the news media and then the witnesses were told afterwards, that it was indeed primate hair from some unknown species.

Many neighborhood cats and other pets have gone missing or have been found mutilated in the College Hill Community. Citizens of this community and nearby ones have evidently been seeing a hairy hominoid, of which, they describe, as being approximately three to five foot tall. There have also been reports of a 6 1/2 foot tall hominoid which was said to have urinated on a neighbor's patio table, creating quite a mess to clean up.

These hairy hominoids, of which the news media have been referring to as a Florida "skunk ape" have struck terror in some people's hearts. It has been learned from certain channels that after the initial reports to the local law officials were filed in this community, that any 911 telephone calls for help with aggressive hominoids have not been responded to. I suppose this Campbell County case will go down in history as another town's mass hysteria, but the events are real and the hominoid(s) they saw were real according to several eyewitnesses who reside in or near the College Hill Community.

First, the news reports.

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Reports such as these were on the news.

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Killer Primate Terrorizes Pets

Some people in Campbell County said a monkey or chimpanzee is roaming

the area, terrorizing neighborhood pets and striking fear in the hearts of residents.

WVLT VOLUNTEER TV News' Chloe Morroni filed this report.

"Teeth as big as a silverback." "Bottom teeth about two and a half inches long." "Long arms, but they flop." "Got a lot of hair." "Grey-looking front, and the rest of his body looks dark brown." "If he stands up, he's about three foot."

Witnesses have plenty of descriptions of the creature, but they aren't quite sure if it's a monkey or a chimpanzee. Whatever it is, people said it is terrorizing small animals. One resident told WVLT VOLUNTEER TV News that the primate has killed cats and dogs. "If they say monkeys aren't meat eaters, they're lying," said Donna Keathley, who said she had a close encounter with the creature.

She called 911 after coming face to face with it. "It came through the air at me, and when it did, I just rushed down and picked [my kitten] up," she said. "I smelled that smell and saw that monkey. I went across the yard into my house and called 911 and told them it was here. [My kitten] has some dry blood still left on it. It's still shaking."

Brenda Overby is afraid that her cat might be next. She's concerned for her family, too. "We don't let our children out to play anymore," she said.

"We've had reports that it came from a local carnival that they set up at Woodson's Mall," said 911 dispatcher Kamille Barnes. "It was one pet that apparently escaped, and they didn't report it until they started seeing it in the area."

But wherever the elusive, pet-killing primate came from, many residents hope it's captured soon.

LaFollette Police Chief Ben Baird said that if you see the creature, do not approach it. "They should call animal control, because it's always dangerous to approach any wild animal," he said.

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UT Vet: Primate Not Killing Cats

As WVLT VOLUNTEER TV News first reported last week, there is some monkey business going on in Campbell County. Some people there said they have seen a primate terrorizing residents and pets.

Campbell County's 911 center has been receiving calls about the creature for weeks. "They're saying it's a chimpanzee, a large chimpanzee," said 911 dispatcher Kamille Barnes. "It's killing their cats."

Barnes lives in the College Hill community, which is where the creature has been sighted. She believes it came into her house. "My basement door was left open, and something came in and scattered all the clothes and stuff stored in the basement," she said.

UT Veterinary School primate expert Dr. Edward Ramsey said the creature that is making its presence known in Campbell County is likely not a chimpanzee like those found at the Knoxville Zoo. "Chimps are really rare as private pets, so chances that this is a chimp are pretty remote," he said.

He did say it may very well be some type of monkey. "There are unfortunately still a fair number of monkeys still in private hands," he said. "We've had one or two times [that] an animal escaped from a

private zoo in Pigeon Forge."

Ramsey said that whatever kind of primate it may be, he does not believe it's responsible for the recent pet deaths in the area. "Odds are, if it killed anything, I don't think it would kill many and it wouldn't kill repeatedly. Virtually every primate is herbivorous."

He said that if a monkey is on the loose, it's a perfect example of why most exotic animals don't make good pets. "We don't think it's appropriate for people to keep -- specifically -- macaques as pets because of the ability to carry fatal disease," he said. "They're not trainable in the traditional animal sense of the term."

LaFollette animal control is investigating the situation. Knoxville Zoo officials said if the animal is caught, the zoo likely would not be able to take it, and it may have to be euthanized.

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Is a Skunk Ape Loose in Campbell County?

A picture of a supposed skunk ape on lorencoleman.com.

October 22, 2003

By VINCE LENNON
6 News Reporter

CAMPBELL COUNTY (WATE) -- A new theory emerged Wednesday as a crypto-zoologist weighed in on sightings of a possible primate in Campbell County.

A Crypto-zoologist, someone who studies uncataloged animals such as

skunk apes, accompanied a 6 News crew in Campbell County Wednesday.

Myakka "skunk apes" have been spotted in the southeastern United States since the 1940's.

Local crypto-zoologist Chris Dotson contacted 6 News after seeing the stories on Campbell County primate sightings. "The animal people reported seeing is not a pet."

Dotson took the skunk ape photographs Wednesday to people who've claimed to have seen the primate in the LaFollette area. Dotson's convinced that what people are seeing is a skunk ape.

"We need to capture this thing the best we can," Dotson said. "People need to stay away from it, allow experts to come in who have some knowledge of large primates like this and trap this animal."

Monkey owner Jerome Love answered a summons at the Campbell County Sheriff's Department with his Macaque monkey "Mugway." Love wanted to prove it's not his animal that's loose. "If it's a monkey that's killing these cats, it's not this one and I'm tired of it."

6 News is hearing more accounts from Campbell County residents who say they've seen the creature. Some date back 35 years. However, many people are hesitant to talk, for fear of being labeled as crazy.

In all, six cats and one dog have been killed in the last three days. And there have been a number of sightings within the last 48 hours. The warning still stands though for people not to try approaching the animal, but to report it to local authorities.

Crypto-zoologists believe there could be hundreds of skunk apes across the Southeast.

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UT Biologist Offers Theories on Skunk Ape

UT Biologist John Placyk
October 24, 2003

By TIM MILLER
6 News Reporter

KNOXVILLE (WATE) --- A UT biologist will join this weekend's search for answers about what's killing pets in Campbell County. He believes it's probably a common animal, instead of a skunk ape.

John Placyk researches animal behaviors and how they forage for food.

On Saturday, he'll join a group exploring two caves in Campbell County, to try to determine what's killing and eating cats.

"You know when your cats and dogs don't come back home or you find them in pieces, it's a scary thing and you want to know what's going on," Placyk said.

Based on his studies, Placyk said the odds of a big primate like a skunk ape wandering Campbell County aren't very good. "If there's a primate in the area, I think it's just a horrible coincidence that the cat deaths are corresponding with the primate sightings. I think they're probably two separate things."

Placyk said the only primate that tends to be a meat eater is a chimpanzee. But even they would only eat about one cat a week. And he said orangutans eat fruit almost exclusively.

The theory Placyk has developed is that a pack of hungry coyotes is taking down the pet cats and dogs. "When a feral dog pack or a coyote finds an aggregation of cats like that, it's a perfect resource for food and they're going to keep hitting it until the food is gone. And they're going to move on."

On his weekend cave trip, Placyk will collect feces and hair samples and do DNA testing to narrow down what animal is causing such a stir.

He said he can't rule out that some kind of unknown primate could be roaming Campbell County. But he said people shouldn't be frightened. It probably won't hurt anyone.

However, he warns people not to try cornering or catching a primate because they're stronger than humans and can do damage.

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Campbell Co. Sheriff's Dept. Opens Investigation of Possible Primate
October 21, 2003

By VINCE LENNON
6 News Reporter

JACKSBORO (WATE) -- After several residents of College Hill, near LaFollette, said they've seen a loose primate on their property, the sheriff's department has opened an investigation.

Residents have theorized that the primate could have escaped or been left behind by a carnival.

So 6 News Tuesday checked on a carnival held at Woodson's Mall in LaFollette in August.

The carnival's occupational license was made out for Carousel Amusements. Its owner gave the same answer to 6 News and mall's property manager Mike Orick.

"Michael Parks, who's the owner, told us that wasn't true, that he has never owned a monkey and would never own one. It wasn't part of his permitting for the carnival," Orick said.

Finding a license for the circus held two months ago at the local National Guard armory was more difficult. The last licensed circus wasn't the one that performed there.

Armory officials said they rented the space to Circus Pages of Myakka City, Florida, but the phone number is disconnected.

Campbell County 911 operators said they've taken at least seven calls on the possible primate in the last week.

Capt. Don Farmer with the Campbell County Sheriff's Department said no official investigation was underway until Tuesday because no residents have filed official complaints. "We'll assign an investigator to look forward and a little deeper into this matter."

Another premise some residents offer is that the animal escaped from a private, local owner.

Campbell County officers warn anyone who sees the animal not to attempt capturing it. It's considered dangerous. Instead, any sighting should be reported immediately to LaFollette Animal Control at (423)-566-1383.

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October 20, 2003

By VINCE LENNON
6 News Reporter

JACKSBORO (WATE) -- Animal control officers in Campbell County are searching for a primate, perhaps weighing 400 pounds, that's on the loose. And nearly 100 pets are missing.

"I didn't really get a good look at his face because he didn't hang

around all that long," Donna Keathley said about when she saw an ape-like creature last week in LaFollette. "But he's big and he's got a really bad stinkful odor to him."

LaFollette Animal Control Officer George Moses said, "I believe that the people believe that they see it. I don't have any reason to doubt them, that they're mistaken."

Moses said he hasn't seen the animal but he's certainly heard of it. He started getting calls about it three weeks ago. All the alleged sightings center on the College Hill community, just outside the LaFollette city limits.

Coinciding with the sightings are numerous reports of missing cats and kittens. "All told, over 100" are missing, Moses said.

According to Donna Keathley, when she startled the animal, "This kitten he threw at me, no one knows where it come from."

One College Hill man, who declined to be identified, claims the primate is an orangutan. He said he saw it Tuesday morning leaving stool samples on his property.

Many College Hill residents believe the animal escaped a circus that performed at the nearby National Guard armory a few months back. But the LaFollette Police Department and the Campbell County Sheriff's Department didn't take any reports of a missing animal.

Donna Keathley said her neighbors are ready to shoot the animal. "If I had a gun, I would've shot it."

Several people told 6 News Monday that they want the animal caught or killed before Halloween so it can't attack a child or another pet.

Campbell County officers warn anyone who sees the animal not to

attempt capturing it. It's considered dangerous. Instead, any sighting should be reported immediately to LaFollette Animal Control at (423)-566-1383.

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Samples from Possible Skunk Ape Prove Inconclusive

October 28, 2003

By VINCE LENNON
6 News Reporter

CAMPBELL COUNTY (WATE) -- The search for the so-called Campbell County skunk ape continues Tuesday, after a lab reported inconclusive test results.

Over the weekend, a team consisting of UT biologist John Placyk, crypto-zoologist Chris Dotson and four volunteers collected some hair and feces samples from an unidentified animal.

UT veterinary medicine officials said Tuesday they didn't find any parasites. They did find plenty of plant material, insects and feathers.

Compounding the mystery, scientists said they can't identify a source animal from the fecal remains. Further testing could be done.

Based on his studies, Placyk has said the odds of a big primate like a skunk ape wandering Campbell County aren't very good.

But Dotson showed pictures of reported skunk apes to Campbell County residents who said it's the animal they saw.

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Vet Questions Skunk Ape Theory in Campbell Co.

Dr. Ed Ramsey said the skunk ape looks more like a new world monkey to him.

October 23, 2003

By VINCE LENNON
6 News Reporter

CAMPBELL COUNTY (WATE) -- After seeing reports of primate sightings in Campbell County, a Knoxville Zoo veterinary consultant said he doubts the animal is a skunk ape.

Dr. Ed Ramsey, who teaches at UT, said Thursday he thinks, "...the skunk ape looks like a new world monkey to me. So I'd say if this animal has a six-foot relative out in Campbell County, it would be, I would say, almost impossible to believe. They're typically about 15 to 25 pounds max."

But Ramsey won't totally discount the possibility that the creature is a skunk ape. But he wants more proof before believing it's a skunk ape that's behind a rash of pet deaths. Pictures of a skunk ape allegedly taken in Sarasota County, Florida three years ago do little for Ramsey and the skunk ape argument.

Ramsey also said that monkeys are plant-eaters. If they eat meat it's usually insects and eggs, not cats.

Ramsey thinks people are looking in the wrong direction. "If you have an animal that's killing pets, I would actually be more concerned that there's some sort of carnivore that might be out there, a large cat, a mean dog, aggressive dog, pack of dogs, a bear."

LaFollette resident Donna Keathley is one of the few who claim to have

seen the creature who's also willing to talk about it. "Tell him if he thinks our story is so bogus, there's a trailer right there for rent. Tell him to come on down and move in with us."

"They can call me what they want to call me," Keathley added. "I know what I saw. I know what I smelt."

Over the past 24 hours, there have been no new skunk ape sightings in Campbell County. But that's not deterring a local crypt-zoologist.

Chris Dotson will begin an expedition to search for the reported creature this weekend. He'll look at two caves near the property where people say they've seen a creature several times.

Ramsey said UT hasn't received any stool samples to investigate from Campbell County sightings.

One Eyewitness' Report who wishes to remain anonymous.

Details of Report:

This incident happened in October, 2003

Various times and Dates

This location is in: Campbell County, Tennessee.

Witnesses names and location are currently NOT available for verification purposes to reliable persons, local media, and organizations upon approval, as these eyewitnesses wish to remain anonymous at this time.

Witnesses statement of what occurred as given to Mary Green:

(Written by the lady eyewitness)
My parents purchased this property in 1995, and presented it to us to live on. The farm consists of 12 acres, cleared, that is basically a

hollow, with our house and old barn sitting on the upper edge on one side. We have two ponds, one on each end of our section of the hollow. One is a wet weather pond and the other is a large pond that is spring fed year round.

My father had the spring fed pond stocked with catfish and another type of fish, with the intent to come and fish here. My Father passed away in xxxx xx, just shortly after xxxxxx, of a heart attack.

We ran cattle, goats and potbellied pigs the first few years we were here. Llamas were added after the loss of a calf to what we thought might have been coyotes. However, the calf had one hole in it, looking like something had made a hole in it and pulled its insides out. (Common way bigfoot kill deer and calves and they often remove their liver. See: <http://www.tnbigfootlady.com/TBL/calfreportOVCO.html>)

We had been told that llamas would kill coyotes, which was incorrect, as only certain breeds of Llamas do guard duty, the type of llamas we have do not. By the time we found this out we were hooked on the llamas.

Sometime between 1998 and 2000, we added a new barn to the opposite side of the property, a very large barn with a finished loft that could be driven into from the back side of the barn. Right after the barn was completed we found the medium sized cedar tree twisted down, which was a complete mystery as there had not been a storm in the area that week.

Sometime between July 2003 and October 2003 there was a larger tree come down, across the fence, that allowed our herd of goats to get out of the field and run all over the neighborhood, however there had been

a bad storm that day and we just assumed that lightening had hit it.
My husband and son in law came home and cut the tree into pieces,
fixed the fence and I tried to gather the goats back into the field.

The whole time we have lived here we have had problems with the sweet feed going missing. Once, in a hurry, the bags were not dumped into the containers, planning to do that later and when we came home, two whole bags were missing. After that we were more careful, dumping the bags into the covered containers.

Even then, my husband has gone to feed numerous times and found the lid off the cans and over half the feed gone.
We now know that all these things are known behavior of the Bigfoot creature.

We also found one of the first cira- baby llama, dead one night in the dead of winter of 2000. The ground was frozen and there was no snow on the ground. We came home late from work and my husband went to feed only to find the Llamas in a state of panic, running, wild eyed, around and in and out of the barn. Once he got them somewhat settled, he noticed the cira was missing.

He called me from the house and we took flashlights, I started at the top of the field on one side and he started at the top of the opposite end, I found the cira in the shadows of the barn, with his head lying straight back against his spine, still warm, the only thing I can think is we drove up on them in the act of killing it, but at the time we could not figure out what had happened here, as both the male and female llama are very protective of their young, we didn't know if one of the llamas or one of the cows might have slipped and fell against

the cira and accidentally killed it.

In the spring of 2003, everything changed here at the farm, sometime in May, one of our neighbors called us late one night and said she had heard the God awful scream coming from the big barn, my husband went to investigate and found only the llamas and the goats, seemly fine.

Also, sometime around this time, my husband found the barn doors, 16 foot doors, ripped off the frame and leaning back into the opening. After repairing the barn, we had the electric dept come out and put up a security light. Within a week the light was not working and the repair crew said it looked like someone had climbed the pole and ripped the wiring out of the back of the light, at the top of the pole.

Around this time is when I started seeing shadows of a large man in the field next to the house, late at night, when I was going out to sit on the deck in the dark. I would come into the house and tell my husband and he would come out and of course, the man would be gone. The last time I told my husband, he came out, and one of the llamas was standing there, grazing grass, unconcerned, and at that point I quit telling him what I was seeing. The last time it happened I just didn't go out there anymore. Best I can recall, I remember thinking that the man was very tall, slim with large, square shoulders. (This is quite commonly reported, seeing the shadow or outline of a man of some size because the person viewing these hominoids relate what they are seeing to a man in a long furry coat.)

Right after that was when I saw someone standing on the deck, at the railing, just looking into our laundry room.

We sold all the cattle in the fall of 2002, as our field needed a rest and also there was not much hay that year, and what hay was there was of very poor quality.

Our field grew up, and until my husband had to go down to the field, he did not realize how tall the grass had gotten, in places, higher than this head, and he is 6 foot 4 inches tall.

All summer, our neighbors had been stopping by to see if their cats may have come up the hill to where ours were.

We have been running a sort of cat rescue here since 1995, and had two colonies of cats, one Feral and one tame or partly tame group. The feral cats never came to the house, preferring to stay in the woods around the large pond. I used to set on the deck and watch them play on the rocks around the pond, until the grass got so tall I couldn't see the rocks anymore.

We took in strays and unwanted cats, and had a population of about 100, probably more, as there were at least 80 that came to the front porch to eat every night.

I am going to guess on the dates of the current activity here, on Friday, October 3rd, 2003, my husband started bush hogging the field, on that same night, about 4 am, I, being unable to sleep, was in our living room watching TV when there was some sort of commotion on the front porch, it sounded like all the furniture out there was moving and I could hear cats screaming. I turned the front porch light on and looked out the window, seeing nothing, no cats, nothing. I did leave the light on after that.

Saturday, as we were leaving for work was when we found the first cat, just outside the railing, ripped in two, with its hind quarters

missing. That Saturday was also the day we started noticing the farm animals were in their defensive mode, all huddled together, in one corner of the field.

Sunday was uneventful; however, we did notice that some of the cats did not come in to feed.

On Monday, October 6, my day off, my husband called from work and asked me to go out onto the deck and check on the animals, as he had noted when leaving that they were huddling again, it was about 10 am, when I went out they were all still huddled at the large barn and I thought at first one of the pigs was drinking out of the big pond, however, upon looking again and thinking that that was too large to be one of the pigs, it raised its head and I realized it wasn't a pig and thought it was a black panther that had come down out of the mountains, that is when I reached into the house and got the binoculars and took another look, and it is at that moment the animal stood up on its hind legs, like a man. I think I must have made a sound, as that is when it looked up at me and took off over the fence to the neighbor's woods. Our neighbors woods starts a line of woods that go all the way to the lake, very rough terrain, overgrown, rocky with cliffs, very dense.

I called my husband and told him we had some sort of ape in the field, he came home at once, bringing the animal control officer with him. I guessed the height of the creature at between 4 and 5 foot tall, black in color. I was looking at it from the top of the property, downhill, at it. The animal control officer was at a loss as to what to do.

On Wednesday my husband continued the bush hogging, bringing an employee of a family owned business with him. The part he planned to

bush hog was pretty steep and he did not want to be here alone when he did it. The employee was at the big pond, sitting in the shade, when he heard a noise behind him. My husband at once stopped the tractor and went to where the employee was and both were confronted by an animal, standing on the large, lower branch of a tree, on the neighbor's side of the fence. The animal growled and then hissed or blowed at them.

My husband has described this animal as being as tall or taller as he is, 6 foot 4 inches tall, with a flat top, as in hair style, and I will admit, that at this time I thought he too was losing his mind, saying to him, do you think it had a haircut? The employee said the same thing. Said he had never seen anything like it in his life. I might add that the same employee has no interest in returning here to help do anything.

For the next two weeks it was like a nightmare here, for our cat population was dropping at an alarming rate, within two weeks we were down to less than 40 cats, all the cats at the pond were gone, as were the den of foxes that had been on the property when we moved in here.

The farm animals were staying in the defensive mode round the clock. Neighbors were complaining to the authorities left and right, pets were missing all over the neighborhood, 911 was receiving calls, logging them, but not sending out anyone to help. The media got a hold of this, which seems to have turned these happenings into a media circus.

On Sunday, two weeks after I first saw this thing at the large pond, I saw it again, this time, in the shadows around the small pond, with

its back to me, sitting down and digging under the remaining log of the last tree that fell.

So, it was left to me and my husband to go into the field to gather what we could find. Armed with a camera and a tote bag filled with a bottle of water, baggies, plastic gloves and a box of plaster of paris, a bowl and spoon and funnel, we set out. I am a middle aged, overweight, out of shape woman and am not inclined to do such things as this, and I realized that if this thing came out on us, there was no way I would be able to run fast enough, up a hill, to get away from it.

Half way down the hill we came across a pile of dung, actually two piles, about a foot apart. After taking pictures of this, my husband put on a glove and placed one pile of it into a zip-lock baggie, it was so fresh that it steamed up the inside of the bag. Our first evidence of whatever was plaguing us.

Next we went to the small pond, where I hoped to do a plaster cast of the footprint my husband had seen the day before. I noted that all the farm animals were again in the defensive mode, all was quiet, not even a bird singing, as we neared the small pond. We could hear branches cracking and I did indeed get scared. My husband was carrying two guns, and had lain one down next to the log and had the other one slung up on his shoulder. I walked over to the footprints and thought they had been messed up, as all that was found was a large track, just the ball of the foot and what appeared to be 4 or 5 toes. I didn't take the cast because I thought it was a partial or messed up print. At this point, the cracking branches seemed to be coming back our way

and I started back up the hill, leaving my husband peering over the fence into the woods. He noticed my retreat and asked me to come back, as he might need me to hand him the other gun, at which point I told him I wasn't touching that gun and he best just get it and come on. At this point it was every man for himself, in my book!

In the next week we were down to 9 cats, and I was scared and didn't know what to do. Some of the cats have returned, I guess scared off, and we now have about 17.

By the week of Halloween, there had been numerous sightings in the neighborhood, two close confrontations with neighbors, one with a lady in the trailer park over the hill, where she was coming from a neighbors house and just walked up on it, the 5 foot creature, and it threw a kitten at her, later the kitten was found to belong to a lady in another area, about a mile from here and where the hollow behind out house comes out.

The other close one was a Baptist Preacher, whose wife saw one of them in their pear trees about 5 am. They called 911, but no one was dispatched out on the call. The creature had urinated on their patio table and made a mess. By the time someone got out to their house that knew what to do, the lady had already scrubbed off the patio.

The Preacher and the lady from the trailer park both appeared on news channels speaking about their encounters. In all, I have been told, seven people saw the creature, I know of 5, including myself, my husband, the trailer park lady and the Preacher and his wife, I don't know who the other two were. I know one of them watched the creature take a dump in his yard, and after it left, he

retrieved the dung and turned it over to one of the TV stations who had it analyzed, channel 8 or 10, and I have not heard a thing about that.

I do know there were a team of crypto-zoologists that came and took hair samples and other things, off our property and off the neighbor's property, and the results were given to channel 6 news as inconclusive. Eyewitness was told that Loren Coleman was to come but he never showed up on her property. Also, eyewitness read a report on the BFRO web site that they had been asked to become involved in this investigation but they never approached her. This is probably due to the fact that the eyewitness has refused to talk with the press, trying to prevent a media circus on their property.

At this time all is quiet here, for how long I do not know.

(Additional information from private e-mails between the lady eyewitness and Mary Green)

This additional information is NOT in any certain order, but a variety of communications that tell the state of affairs that these individuals have been dealing with.

When we first moved here, for the first two years, everybody in this neighbor hood kept talking about these 2 large black dogs running about. Only at night, they were never seen in the daytime. We and the neighbors speculated that someone had these dogs and kept them in the house and turned them loose at night. I saw them several times myself, just a glimpse in my headlights when I came home. They were bad to get into everyones garbage.

However, last fall I received a call from the sheriffs dept that an officer was in my driveway needing to speak to me about my dog. This

officer lives in our neighborhood, on the next street over, and we are aquainted with him. He ask me if we had a new dog? NO, he ask me if I knew that there was a HUGE black dog in our yard, I told him I didn't think there was, and he looked at (our dog), who is a sheepdog mix, and (our dog) was in his doghouse, hadn't made a sound. He and I walked around the yard and I finally got him to tell me what was going on. Seems one of the neighbors down the street claimed that a huge black dog jumped out of our yard and chased him home, growling the whole time.

I told the officer that we had never had a big black dog, and he even comented that he had never seen one here either. I told him the neighbors on up the street had two big black dogs, they had just moved into the neighborhood. He went up there and their dogs were in their lot.

He went back down to the man's house and talked to him again and he insisted that the dog had come out of our yard, over the fence. The officer came back by here and told me we needed to be careful that apparently there was a large dog in the neighborhood and it must have been in our yard.

Last summer I kept seeing a large black calf running round, up and down the street, now I realize that it wasn't a calf.

I don't know what happened here, with the bigfoot, 4 weeks ago, that made them kill our cats. (portion edited out here)

I think also that we have been feeding them, unknowingly, as I do not throw any food away, it always goes over the fence, as with llamas,

pigs and goats, there is one of them that will eat anything.
Nothing
is wasted that way.
(Throwing food out is an invitation to the bigfoot we have
found in
prior investigations. This does attract them.)

I don't think this one (bigfoot) is hungry, either, as we have
had a
bountiful year, plenty of rain and lots of local fruit, tame
and wild.

These woods are full of papaw's, persimmons right now. I think
he
(the bigfoot) is just feeling his oats, curious about us, got
used to
moving freely around and fishing in our pond, as it was out of
sight
of the house until my husband bushhogged and we do have the
pond
stocked with fish. Plus, all the neighbors over the hill have
lost 20
lb bags of dog and cat food, all summer.
And they may not have killed all the cats missing, as there was
a pack
of coyotes here, three months ago, but they (the coyotes) have
all
been killed by the local farmers, (and) this activity started
hot and
heavy after the coyotes were killed. And I have yet to see a
coyote
who could climb a tree and eat pears. That's what one of the
vets
said over at UT, he thought it was a pack of coyotes.

I started missing cats in the middle of summer, and the wild
ones
disappeared first, the tame ones have disappeared in the past
two
months. They mostly stayed around the two barns, and both barns
have
seen activity. They cleaned out the loft of the big barn, that
is
farther away from the house, we were using it for storage,
everything
that was stored in the loft was thrown to the bottom level.

The barn next to the house had about 9 bales of hay left in the
loft,
it is now gone, the strings are there, but the hay is gone and
there

is dung everywhere in that loft. I have not personally been in the loft of the big barn, so I don't know if there is any dung in it or not.

I have called some of the neighbors to tell them to get street lights or security lights installed, some agreed, others stated that that was why they moved here, to get away from such things. There are still some skeptics there, and guess what, just about everyone of them already have the lights. I think that might be what has kept them away from those houses.

Two basements have been raided, one on Saturday night and one on Sunday night. I found that out last night.

We have reinforced our basement door. I already have two security lights in my yard, one on each side. We have also left the light on in the barn next to the house. Last night I left my porch lights on.

Seven folks in all have admitted to seeing it and many others have seen it, only to tell me. We are not unfamiliar with the creature, but I did at first think it was an escaped chimp. Local folklore and personal experiences from hunters over the years have confirmed its existence.

The first reported sighting here occurred in 1890, I read the account somewhere many years ago, and the sightings really started when I-75 was run thru here, and I have heard fresh stories on and off for the past 10 years. The area talked about 10 years ago is now in

development as is the area I heard they were in 2-3 years ago, about 10 minutes from our farm, is also now in development.

I now realize it has been here all summer, and really got upset when my husband bushhogged our field. Early in the spring, we had a large calf to just totally disappear, and all our gates have locks on them, and, we have run a cat rescue here since 1995, and had a population of about 60 wild cats and about 80 tame cats, (housecats). We, at last count, have about 11 total left. I also have 9 cats in the house that never go outside, I have tightly covered our windows and moved all furniture that the cats used to sit on and look out the windows.

As for making the creature angry, about 2 weeks ago, it ran all over our field, screaming, jumped the fence into our neighbors yard and pulled up some of her bushes and beat the side of her deck with them, about 5 am, the same morning, it was in another neighbors orchard, up in a pear tree, also peed on this neighbors carport.

There is dung everywhere, the UT biologist found several hair samples in the wooded area of another neighbor. As for the lady that gave the interview on the TV, I am not acquainted with her, but she lives xxxxxxxx from us, it has been back to her trailer and looked into her windows, and I think she is leaving the neighborhood. I understand she just ran into it in her yard and caught it reaching for her cat.

As for sounds, I have heard a 'clucking' noise several times when I knew it was around, a foghorn type sound and plain screaming.

Airplane Surveillance of the eyewitnesses property???

Sent: Wednesday, November 05, 2003 8:13 AM
To: greenma@frontiernet.net
Subject: Campbell County

Mary, there seems to be a plane crisscrossing our property this morning, I wouldn't normally take notice, as we are near the local airport, but, the weather is terrible here, drizzling rain and not very good weather conditions for flying. It was flying very low, that was one of the reasons I noticed it, sounded like it was right on top of the house.

It went on for about an hour, just at daylight this morning, now it has ceased.

I personally do not know of a local pilot that would fly on a morning like this.

Sent: Friday, November 07, 2003 7:50 PM
To: Mary Green
Subject: RE:

The plane was back this morning and also was buzzing the house tonight when we got home. Soon as the lights came on in the house it was gone.
xxx (My husband) checked the food buckets and all the apples, graham crackers and candy were gone, but the dog food is still there.
XXXXXX
(name for the bigfoot there) also took half a 20 lb. bag of catfood off the front porch last night, even with the light on. I bought it yesterday afternoon and opened it when we came home and dumped about

half it out on the cats feeding table. The rest of the bag was gone
this morning when we went out to work.

Sent: Saturday, November 08, 2003 8:55 PM
To: greenma@frontiernet.net
Subject:

Mary, all is quiet here tonight, they are not here right now, xxx (my husband) will check the food buckets tomorrow and see if anything is gone. He will also dump any wet food and replace it with dry.

I will send you the pictures of the poop in the field that I took as soon as I get this working right.

I have been home since about 3 pm today and I have not heard any planes flying low, maybe they have finally lost interest.

I have not heard any new reports of sightings, so they must be staying in cover now. Either that or the folks seeing them just won't tell because of all that has already happened.

Sent: Sunday, November 09, 2003 6:33 AM
To: greenma@frontiernet.net
Subject:

Mary, the planes were back last night, started about 11:30, sounded like two of them, we went to bed about 11, sounds like they are watching the house for the lights to go out.

They sounded like they were landing on the house, geez.

Like we wouldn't hear them.

Sent: Sunday, November 09, 2003 3:37 PM
To: greenma@frontiernet.net
Subject:

Mary, xxxx (my husband) just got back into the house. All the apples are gone from the buckets, the dog food was wet, so he dumped it and

put dry back in.

Also, a very large, fresh footprint at the pond.

I don't know what to think, the leaves are dropping fast here, so their cover will soon be gone. I can already see into the woods from the house. A week ago I couldn't.

Sent: Monday, November 10, 2003 9:21 AM
To: greenma@frontiernet.net
Subject: dead goat

Mary, the old nanny goat, Abbigale, is dead. xxxx (my husband) just found her, dead, in the pond. He thinks she just ran into the pond xxxxxxxxxx. He found her tracks and it appears she may have been running and just ran into the pond. I have been told that goats cannot swim, so I am assuming she was being chased.

They are here today, all the rest of the farm animals are in a tight circle, up here, next to the house, including the 3 pigs. That is how I noticed Abby was missing, as she is always with the other goat and the llamas.

I have also been imoralized in a local song that is playing on the radio here, "Monkey Business in Campbell County" as the Cat Lady.

Sent: Saturday, November 15, 2003 5:42 PM
To: greenma@frontiernet.net
Subject:

Well, the planes are back, flying low and in the rain, what idiots.

I was told about 11am yesterday that we needed to put the animals "up." XXXX (My husband) couldn't come home until 3 pm and when he got here, he heard sirens and Bigfoot screams, as did everyone in the

neighborhood. XXXX got the animals up, and our friend got here about 4:30 to get them. I came up with the friend to help load them and you could have heard a pin drop in this hollow, it was eerie.

From what I have (learned) xxxxxx, the Bigfoot must have been on a raid all weekend. Several heads of cattle have been lost, chickens and about 15 dogs. xxxxxxxxxxxx Also, xxx (my husband) did not tell me the whole truth about the condition of Abby (the goat) when he found her, so you can count her in on those losses too, I did wonder, as he had her covered up with a tarp in the back of the truck and when I wanted to see her, he sort of put me off on it.

The Bigfoot are being very active again, I think they are spending the few days they are not here near the XXXXXX. Besides the man seeing them on his deck, a woman called me xxxxxx today and she said one ran across the road in front of her the same day, just at dusk and ran xxxxxxxxxxxx..

The Bigfoot have been very active here this past week, the neighbor, xxxxxxxx, found two 10 lb bags of dog food in her yard, they had clumps of black hair on them. This was not her dog food. She didn't even think about it might be Bigfoot related until tonight, and her husband has already took the mess off to the dump. I told her that from now on anything unusual to please call us and we will take gloves and bags to gather the stuff up in.

Two new sightings- and I am so pleased, as they come from two that have made so much fun of the rest of us. One lives down next to the xxxxxx, he saw one night before last in the field across the street from him.

The other is xxx's boss, he lives out next to the xxxxx.
Apparently
something has been eating their dog and cat food, out of the
storage
containers on their patio all summer. He had to get up this
past
Thursday night, to go to the bath room and heard noise out on
the deck
and tiptoed in there and jerked the curtain open and guess who
was
sitting here eating cat food like it was popcorn!!!!!!! Life
is sweet
sometimes!!

Mary Green's notes on above information: The following
morning,
November 16, 2003, the eyewitness called me on the telephone at
approximately 9:00 a.m. to tell me that she was seeing a large
black
animal lying in her field. She needed to go on to work and we
discussed the situation. I asked her to have her husband take a
look
at what type of hairy black creature was lying there. She did
call him
after hanging up with me and when he arrived, only ten minutes
after
she had left for work, there was nothing in the field where she
told
her husband she had seen it. It is not known at this time if
it was a
small bigfoot or other type of creature that she saw. It was
obviously taken rather rapidly after she left for work. It
would have
been impossible, in my way of seeing it, for the local law
officials
to have arrived on the scene and taken the body in a ten minute
time
period without the husband happening upon them doing so in the
process. Other alternatives would be the removal of such a
large
animal by helicopter, in which case, possibly a neighbor would
have
seen this happening, OR it was removed by another bigfoot,
possibly a
member of its family, which had retrieved it once she was gone.
It
could also have been one of these hominoids lying in the field
watching her home and after she left, it left also. There is
simply

no way of knowing what happened. It's extremely regrettable that the witness had no video zoom camera to film it. I am personally asking for donations to this couple of a suitable camera with a significant zoom in to be loaned them or given to them. Thank you. Contact me at greenma@frontiernet.net

Summary
by Mary Alayne Green

When the eyewitnesses first contacted me, they were having a very difficult time dealing with their situation. It was an extreme nightmare for them both with so many of their cats found dead or missing. The fact that other animals had been mysteriously killed or taken, from time to time, since they had moved onto their small farm, had made their lives miserable and stressful; and fear was a primary factor for the woman to deal with. Many other incidents have been reported to me by these eyewitnesses, but at this time, the incidents reported above are the most relevant to their situation.

I'm glad that members of our bigfoot research team here in Tennessee were able to assist them in understanding what was happening. It's a most difficult thing to deal with an "unknown" hominoid especially when you are ridiculed for telling what you have seen. These people had successfully avoided granting personal interviews with the media, but in the meantime they were wise enough to allow the biologist, John Placyk to come onto their property to obtain samples of hair and feces. The animal control officer also came out to assist them at one point. Truly this couple are animal lovers and now that they understand their situation more, they have made recent attempts to befriend, and calm these hominoids down so as not to lose their pets,

following Janice Carter Coy's advice. Janice has had to deal with these hominoids on her farm for many years and was a consultant in this case. (See <http://www.tnbigfootlady.com/TBL/book.html> for more information on Janice Carter Coy.) Also, a large hair sample found in the loft of their barn has been turned over to Janice to have analysed by our current DNA analyst who remains anonymous at this time.

We will continue to aid in this investigation and remain available to these folks for as long as is necessary. Usually, aggressive encounters of this kind stop after a while and no more is heard or seen of these bigfoot hominoids. Still, individual reports will continue to surface in the vicinity for some time to come. There are certain other factors that are unusual in this case, and that is the lake near their property is at an all time low, revealing shoreline that hasn't been seen in years. Tracks, dead animals and bones of dead animals have been found along this shore. Investigations are continuing by the members of the TN Bigfoot Lady's team. On site researchers names are being withheld at this time to allow them to continue their work without interference.

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