

UAV Sighting Statement

On January 6, 2020 at 1805 CST I observed multiple UAVs at my residence located at: 1011 NW 140th St., Lincoln NE. My home is located in a rural area approximately 8 miles west of Lincoln airport and .7 miles north of I-80. Initially I observed multiple UAVs, 12 or more, in the area. One of the UAVs was larger than the others. My best guess at the size of the larger UAV is 4 to 6 feet in diameter. The large UAV was 200 to 300 yards from my house to the SW and 200 to 300 feet AGL. I observed the larger UAV with binoculars. The UAV had a bright central light and 4 or 5 smaller lights around the perimeter. The UAV appeared at the end of civil twilight in our area and it was difficult to make out any details. It hovered there for 1 to 2 minutes and then began to move to the SW towards the town of Milford, NE.

I decided to follow the UAV to see if I could find a where it would land. By the time I pulled my car out of the garage, most of the smaller UAVs were not in sight. The larger UAV had continued to move towards Milford, NE. I followed the UAV to the town of Milford on NE Highway 6. On the way to Milford, I could see smaller UAVs in the area. At no time while I had sight of the UAVs did they appear to me to follow any pattern or fly in any type of formation. I did not note a number of smaller UAVs along Highway 6. The larger UAV was able to maintain its distance from me for the time I followed it. At Milford the UAV did slowdown from the speed it had traveled along Highway 6. At Milford I contacted the Seward County Sheriff's Department to report the sighting. The Sheriff's Dept. stated that they had other reports of UAV sightings in the area and were only noting the locations at time.

I continued to follow the UAV to the west southwest of Milford to McCool Junction. In McCool Junction I spoke with a Deputy Sheriff who stated that he and another deputy had observed the UAVs the previous night and he had seen them tonight as well. The deputy stated he had seen one travel from the east and was now on the west side of town. I told the deputy that was the UAV I was following. The deputy stated that the UAV he observed the previous night had been in the area of a cell tower to the northwest of McCool Junction. The cell tower he referenced is 1500 ft. in height. The deputy stated that the UAV was at or above the height of the cell tower.

During the time I spoke with the Sheriff's Deputy the UAS I was following did not move far out of McCool Junction. I continued to follow the UAV for approximately another 15 to 20 minutes after leaving McCool Junction. At this point I was traveling on unpaved roads and the UAV began to outdistance me.

I decided to discontinue following the UAV at 2011CST. I had followed the UAV for over 2 hours and decided if it could stay airborne for that length of time, the UAV may enough speed and endurance leave my sight. When I discontinued following the UAV, I was approximately 50 miles straight line distance from my residence.



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