

Hernando Co Report

Seven-foot-tall creature crosses road

Sighting Details:

Date: **04/13/2016**

Time of Day: **Night time 1:00am**

Season: **Spring**

State: **Florida**

County: **Hernando**

Nearest town: **Trilby**

Nearest road/Highway: **SR 98**

Weather Conditions: **Night time with clear conditions, damp, like it rained earlier that day.**

Terrain of location: **Lightly Wooded, some homes in area. Rural area.**

Anything else odd: **The speed in which it moved.**

Other Witnesses: **Just him that was driving.**

Local Stories: **None that he knows of.**

Original report:

While driving southbound on Hwy 98, [REDACTED] Rd portion across from Ridge Manor just before [REDACTED] Dr. a large ape like being ran west across the hwy just in the range of my headlights and I blinked to be sure of what I saw and it was gone just that fast, disappearing into the thickets. It was light colored and looked gray in the darkness but his face, hands, and feet were dark. The way he ran alerted my attention first which caused me to see him. His arms were long & flailing low then swinging high at about face level like a sprinter but more dramatically, reaching & swinging.

Follow up investigation by Chuck S and David S:

The eye witness submitted his report on 04/14/2016. David S contacted him by phone to let him know someone from our team would be in contact with him.

Chuck S was able to contact the eye witness and gather this information:

The eye witness is a truck driver from Georgia and he was driving southbound on SR 98 around 1am in the morning. As he was driving south bound, a car just passed him going north bound and he turned on the high beams of his truck. As he was driving he saw movement on the left side of the road and then that is when he saw this tall light grayish blonde hair covered creature run across the road less than 500 feet in front of his truck. Its arms were long and swinging as it ran across the road in three steps.

The creature was bigger than a human and weighed estimated 400 lbs according to Mr. Storm. He goes on to say that the creature's hair was 3 to 4 inches long and light colored and looked gray Mr. storm was back in the area driving his semi-truck and he said that the road that it ran from was right at [REDACTED] Dr. and ran from left to right and into the woods that leads to a river. Mr. Storm says that the creature ran like a sprinter and was really fast and it seemed to cross the road in three steps and then it was gone into the wood line. There were no street lights so he was able to get a better look when the creature was right in the south bound lane with his high beams on it.

On Saturday 04/16/2016 I (David S) drove out the location to investigate the area where the creature crossed the road. In driving to the location, I found the area is adjacent to the Green Swamp, which incubates 870 square miles of terrain that contains a variety of different habitat types with a wide diversity of plant life. These types include, sandhills, flatwoods, oak hammocks, river swamp and cypress ponds. The creature crossed over SR 98 going west to possibly to get back the nearly 36 miles of the Withlacoochee River's 110-mile length. The last reported sighting close to this area was in 2005 by two hunters in Richloam Wildlife Management Area. But there have been more recent sightings in different parts of the Green Swamp that are not that far from this location.

I (David S) canvassed the area in looking for any possible sign of the creature crossing but found none at this time and it had been raining off and on since the encounter. In my search I did see a home owner that raised ostriches but was unable to contact the owner for questioning. The point where the creature entered into the woods toward the river, there are some homes that back up to the river. I plan on returning back and questioning those residents for any strange activity around their homes.

It is very possible that one or more creatures were in the area, as they usually are not alone and probably frequent the area. While investigating the area where the creature was sighted crossing the road, there are a few home close together. The creature may have been trying to scavenge food garbage from neighbors across the road and then tried to get back to the river to travel elsewhere or just hide or cross the river to the other side, and this is when it was spotted.

On 04/27/2016 I (David S) called Mr. Storm for some further questions:

I called and spoke to Mr. storm and he was able to recite the encounter just like it happen, to me also. This in fact is verification that he is telling the truth. When ask exactly where the creature was at when it crossed, he said it was on the south side of Rowntree Rd. I asked Mr. Storm if it could possibly be a person in a suit and his response was, ***"No way, not the way this thing looked and moved"***.

Mr. Storm says that the arms were much longer than humans. The way it ran was strange like it had to move in a certain way because its arms were too long, like reaching and bending like a sprinter would run. Mr. Storm says that he was driving at a speed of 55 mph and he had to slow down to 45 mph when he saw movement to his left, thinking someone was crossing in front of him. He said his best viewpoint of the creature was when it was right in his lane where he received a pretty good view from the creature's right side profile. The creature never looked at him, it just looked forward like it knew where it was going. Its head sat right on its shoulders, no visible neck and it moved fast and efficiently on two legs.

When asked about the height of the creature Mr. Strom says that it was kind of hard to determine but it could have easily been able to look into his cab window of his truck which is about seven feet from the ground. Mr. Storm also stated that the creature's legs had a mix of black or dark color patches on them. *This could possibly have been mud on the creature's legs from crossing the river previously and then running back toward the river where it possibly originally came from.*

Most animals retreat back from where they just traveled from if needing to get to a known safe location, because of the fact they just traveled from that location where there were no threats.

When speaking with Mr. Storm he seemed confident on what he witnessed and has not faltered in his recounting of his encounter. The encounter led him to do research on what he witnessed that night and he has confirmed to himself that the creature looked like what other witnesses have encountered also. We found Mr. Storm to be truthful in his encounter and sincerely believes he saw a Sasquatch that night cross in front of him while driving.

The area is still under investigation.

Follow up investigation on 05/01/2016 ~12:56pm

I (David S) drove out to the location and spoke to some neighbors that live in the area of where the creature ran into. I spoke to a man named Scott that lives in the area and he said that he has not heard or seen anything like I was describing. I let him know of the report that was made and I gave him my card in case he encounters anything. He said that the area in question was not livable because it is swampy. He goes out into the wooded area to feed turkey and deer that visit the area. I asked if I could investigate the area and he said "Yes, the owner does not come down but once a year and it is vacant land that he owns".

I walked the area to investigate it and found that it is very likely that something like a Sasquatch could run into this area, cross the river to the other side and be gone in a matter of minutes. From the road to the river was about 200 yards then you hit the river and then on the other side of the river maybe another 200 yards of

woods then it opens up to a cattle field. In my opinion, I think it would travel along the river, in this case close to the river instead of being seen in an open field.

I spoke to another neighbor that has a place right on the river and that person never seen or heard anything strange in the area either. I gave her my card just in case. I also spoke to a man that his son raises ostrich, geese and other small birds on the property not far from the location. That gentleman said that the only thing they seen was a fox take one small bird and there has been a few geese missing but not any of the ostrich.

In closing, I did not find any sign of a Sasquatch in the area but that does not mean that Mr. Storm's encounter did not happen, or that they will not return to this location. We'll continue to investigate the area.