

“Strange sounds and tree knocks”

Sighting Details:

Date: *04/20/2017*

Time of Day: *10:00 pm*

Season: *Spring*

State: *Florida*

County: *Polk Co.*

Nearest town: *Polk City*

Nearest road/Highway: *Bryant Road and Moore Road*

Weather Conditions: *Clear Night*

Anything else odd: *None*

Other Witnesses: *Deputy and his father*

Local Stories: *None*

Submitted by witness on: *4/20/2017*

Original report: *4/20/2017*

I am a 53-year-old retired deputy sheriff, a native of the north Lakeland area. I've hunted Green Swamp and the local area since I was 16 years old. This month has been very active around my residence. Approximately 3 weeks ago my father and I were standing outside and he was telling me about the previous night. We both were talking about our dogs barking like crazy and would not calm down. My father advised he went outside about 3am to yell at the dogs, they calmed when he yelled at them. He heard a Wooooop in the wooded area to the east of our house and our dogs began barking along with the two packs of coyotes nearby (one pack is northwest of us between Bryant Road and Moore Road the other pack is due east of us on the Lakeland well fields). During our talk (during the full daylight) we both heard a Wooooop to the east my father said did you hear that I said yes and our dogs heard it too, they ran to the fence line and barked a little then sat watching the area to the east.

On 4/3/2017 at approximately 2300 hrs. I was sitting on our front porch, I heard a Whooooop due west of the house and the coyotes to my northwest fired up then my dogs, and then the coyote pack to the east started up. I walked off the porch and into the back yard and definitely could tell the locations of the coyote packs. My dogs were facing the west in the direction where I heard the Whooooop were very focused on something to the west they would not even come to the porch to get a bone they were watching something. I was talking to my uncle on Monday 4/17/2017 he lives approximately 100 yards south of my residence. I told him the above story and he smiled and advised that on 4/12/2017 he was sitting on his front porch at approximately 10pm smoking a cigarette. He heard a Whooop to the west and heard my dogs start barking and the coyote packs start up. He advised " It sounded like they were going to rip something to pieces" He waited a few more minutes and then went back inside his house. On 4/20/2017 at approximately 2200 hours I was sitting on my front porch, I was having a restless night. I heard a

Whoooooop to the west and again the coyote packs started sounding off along with my dogs. My dogs barked a little but were focused on something to the west. I walked to the west side of the road to get out of the light so I could see further west, I didn't see anything and I'm not sure but I believe I heard two quick tree knocks I have watch a few of your YouTube videos and like your no kill policy purely investigation and evidence collection. I would definitely be interested in assisting you in the quest of obtaining physical evidence of an unknown bipedal animal living and thriving in the area.

Follow up investigation by: David Sidoti

I wet up with the witness arranged some time with him at his residence where these incidences occurred. The areas are broken up in large parcels that board a lot of woodland where a creature such as a Sasquatch could possibly come and go without detection. Myself and the witness walked in the surrounding areas where they have been hearing the sounds and found some interesting impressions in the ground in some areas. There are cattle in the area as well, so one of the things I think what happens in areas like these where cattle are involved, is that these creatures steal the cattle grain and possibly drink out of the fresh water troughs. I say this because these creatures live off the land and they have to be opportunists when it comes to food & water. Interesting while hiking through the witnesses property he did mention that when he was younger that it though he seen one standing next to a shed on the property (fifty yards behind the home) that he remembers its head was way higher than the roof of the shed. The roof was at least 8 feet from the ground. The witness still lives in the area and is now a member of our "enthusiasts" team members because of his curiosity in this phenomenon. This area is under investigation.