DECEMBER 2, 1974 - FREDERIC WISCONSIN

APRO indicates that farmer William Bosak, aged 68, of the rural town of Frederic, in the northwest section of Polk County, Wisconsin, had attended a Fanner's Co-op meeting in Frederic and was driving to his rural home southeast of Frederic at 10:30 p.m. on December 2, 1974, when, about one mile from his farm, he spotted an object on the left side of the road ahead of him.

He had been driving slowly because of patches of fog and his headlights reflected off the object so he slowed as he approached it. The object was standing still and appeared to be between 8 and 10 feet in height. It was not lighted, but reflected light from the headlights of Mr. Bosak's car. It had a transparent glass-like area bullet-shaped at the top, or tapered to a peak, through which Bosak could view the occupant. APRO quotes Mr. Bosak telling journalists: "It had a curved front of glass and inside I could see a figure with its arms raised above its head."

He was later interviewed by Field Investigator Everett E. Lightner, and said that the newspaper account which appeared in the *St. Paul Pioneer-Press* was basically accurate except that the ears on the "human" he saw inside were placed higher on the head. The "human," as Bosak referred to it, had hair sticking out from the sides of its head with ears protruding out about three inches and they were shaped like a calf's ear. It had no collar or shirt with seam in front but appeared to be clothed in something tannish-brown in color and skin-tight like a

diver's suit. Both arms were extended above its head and hair stuck out from the outside of the arms. He had no beard, but there was hair or fur on the upper part of the body. The rest of it, from the waist down, was not visible because of the fog. Its eyes were very large and protruding.

Bosak said he was very frightened at the time but the look on the face of the occupant of the craft indicated that it was frightened too. He had slowed nearly to a stop when he came up to the object, but then fear took over and he hits on the accelerator and left the object behind. He said that when he did so, the inside of his car became dark and he heard a swishing sound like branches of a tree brushing against the car.
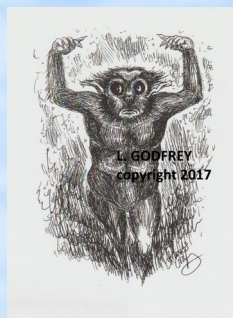
Back home, he attempted to view the area where the incident had occurred from the vantage point of his house, but he could see nothing because of the fog. He later told journalists: "I was so goldarned scared I was afraid to go out at night for a few days."

He added that he wished that he had had somebody with him in the car at the time. The next morning, Mr. Bosak returned to the location to search for any landing marks or evidence of the object's presence, but he found nothing. Bosak said nothing to anyone about his encounter for nearly a month, not even telling his wife and son, but finally decided to divulge the incident.

After reflecting on the experience for a few weeks, Bosak said that he felt he did the wrong thing by speeding away from the object and "should have stopped and tried to show it I was friendly. I wish I could meet up with it again."

Everett E. Lightner, who investigated the case, said he found Bosak to be sincere and a man with a good reputation in his community. He had operated a 450-acre dairy farm east of Frederic for the past 40 years, and said that prior to his frightening experience, he had been skeptical of UFO stories. He stated: "And I'm sure a lot of people are going to be skeptical after hearing what happened to me. But if people don't believe me, I'll take a lie detector test to prove this isn't just something I made up."

Note: On Dec 2, 1996, exactly 22 years to the day of his encounter, William Leonard Bosak was found dead in his home

*Reconstruction of the incident and of the creature
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**Reliability evaluation:
medium
one witness only, the case lacks corroboration from others, there is no physical evidence, several researchers recognize the case as a bigfoot sighting despite the craft connection, possible big monkey on a tree.**

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