Footsteps heard and sounds of wood breaking

Sighting Details:

Date: 1981

Time of Day: 9:00pm Season: Autumn State: Florida County: Seminole

Nearest town: Casselberry

Nearest road/Highway: Between Elm dr. and Winter Park dr.

Weather Conditions: night time It was very dark and I never actually saw it. But something definitely parted the trees about ten to twelve feet above the ground.

Terrain of location: This area is thickly wooded; it was a large bird sanctuary. Although these woods are thick they is a lot of marsh in them.

Anything else odd: Only what I had already mentioned. My mother witness some strange events just nights later. **Other Witnesses:** 2 walking down the road. We weren't looking for any bigfoot.

Local Stories: Of course this kind of started a rash of sightings in this area. However, this was not our intent. In fact, we only told our closest friends. And, since some of them ridiculed us we just tried to put it behind us. In fact, till now, I had only repeated this to my wife and kids.

Submitted by witness on: 01/03/2001

Original report:

In the fall of 1981. My next door neighbor and myself, were walking down a dirt road in Casselberry. The road runs alongside of a wooded tract of land. The land has been reserved for a bird sanctuary. Anyway, this road runs behind some homes all the way down to South Seminole middle school. On this evening we were walking to the school for a dance in the gym. It was about 9 p.m. We were about 50 or 60 yards from the end of the road, where a large opening sits. I had briefly stopped to tie my shoe. Suddenly, we heard crashing sounds, like footsteps only louder. There were 5 or 6 steps, and as we turned to look at what was making the noise, two trees parted as if giant hands were just brushing them aside. Sadly, we were both too scared to stay around any longer. We ran all the way around S.S.M.S. and around the Elementary school. Cut through the catwalk. And, ran the rest of the way home. Several weeks later my mother reported hearing loud noises outside of our house. We owned one of the homes that sat next to this woods. She had said she had been awoken by our pit bull, staring into the woods, barking. She said she had heard these large sounds, almost like footsteps, except she said that they covered far too much ground. She said she had heard four or five steps then the sound of wood breaking. And then a large thrashing sound as though it were shaking large bushes together.

The next day my mother, myself and our neighbors went out into the woods to investigate. We found a large branch approximately 10 inches around. Had been torn from a tree. And I do mean torn, this wasn't a cut or a branch that had been struck by lightning. This had been ripped from the tree. Anyway, we lived there for several more years, and although my friends and I spent a whole lot of our summer days and nights searching those woods for some kind of proof. None was ever found by us. I have been wondering for a long time if anyone in that area has exp. the same thing.

Follow-up investigation by: David S

I have talk to Mr. K. S. over the phone on 1/12/01 and he went over what him and his friend heard that night at the wood line. Mr. K.S. went into great detail of what was observed and also what his mother heard weeks later. I feel he was very truthful in his encounter and seems to be an up-standing person.