

Large creature scares kids 4 feet away from window

Sighting Details:

Date: 01/1976

Time of Day: Early morning

Season: Winter

State: Ill

County: Vandalia

Nearest town: NA

Nearest road/Highway: NA

Weather Conditions: Cold

Terrain of location: NA

Anything else odd: NA

Other Witnesses: Just the two

Local Stories: NA

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Original report:

When you're a child, we're taught that there is no boogie man, no monsters under the bed. Then as you get older, we find out as children, wow, no Santa Clause, Easter Bunny and even the tooth fairy is made up! At age 14 I saw the boogie man! I lived in a small town in southern Illinois. Growing up in Vandalia, Ill was like paradise to me, I was always safe, I had lots of friends and a very big family. Life was great to me until one early morning in January 1976.

I had a friend spend the night, but in order for her mother to agree, we promised, my friend would be home at 5am early the next morning. Her parents had to work that weekend. My friend was 15 and she watched her brother and sister a lot, so no big deal, we did this all the time and I would walk my friend half way home. The alarm goes off, we jump up and get dressed. My friend at this time says to me "Look outside and see how much it snowed" we knew in the forecast we were to get a few inches of snow that night. If it snowed a lot we were not going to take our normal route to her house, we always used the alleys, it was the fastest way to get to her house.

This is when my safe little world came to an end.

I walked over to the bedroom window, and pulled back the drapes. There, only 4 feet in front of me was a huge black monster. I could not believe what I was seeing, I froze, and could not move. I, just out of pure horror had tears roll down my face. Then I heard my friend say to me "well, did it snow"? I didn't move or answer her, I couldn't move I was so scared. Then I said to her as I was crying, "I see something, it is black and oh my god, I think it is like a monster, please come look"! My friend could see how terrified I was and she said, "What is it"? I said, "I don't know just get over here and look". At this point she could not even come to the window, she was so scared and just started to cry. So I told her what I was seeing.

"I see a huge black thing right in front of me, it's looking for something in the snow...it's squatting....my god what is it"? Then It looked up at me, still squatting.... then very slowly it stood up. It was so tall and its eyes were red, it had black hair all over it, it's body was like a giant to me. Now we are looking at each other face to face. Then it took a step towards me. "My god it's coming this way"! I have never experienced total complete fear as I did at that moment. In my mind, I knew the stories of Bigfoot were true at that moment and it was right here in my front yard and it was coming towards me.

I finally was able to move, I screamed, "It is coming" and we just took off. My dad was a single parent and worked nights, so it was just me and my one brother and three sisters and my friend alone in the house. We ran to my brother's room and I was screaming for him to get up, something was coming in. Well, I wasn't making much sense at this point, so my brother assumed I had a nightmare so he told me to go back to bed and there is no such thing as

monsters. So me and my friend ran and hid in a closet and stayed there until we heard the doorbell ring. No way were we leaving that closet!

Next thing we hear is my friend's mother calling our names, we thought, "Oh my god, she's out there with it". So we ran to the door to open it and there stood a very unhappy mother. We started telling her mom what had happen and once again we were not believed. Three days later my friend's mother informs us, there was two men staying in a cabin down by the river and they had reported seeing a Bigfoot that morning. I was so happy to find out I did not see this alone. I never wanted to go camping or fishing in the woods for years after that. I knew what I saw was a Bigfoot and it is out there! Why and what it is, I don't know. But it is out there.

Follow up investigation by: David S

This was submitted a long time ago and I was unable to contact the witness.