

CBFR CAROLINA ENCOUNTERS

REPORT# 10-1975

TITLE: CREATURE OBSERVED SCREAMING & BEATING CHEST AS WITNESS REELS IN FISH

DATE: OCT 1975 or 1976

TIME OF DAY: 11:30 PM

STATE: SC

COUNTY: ANDERSON

NEAREST CITY: ANDERSON

WEATHER COND: COOL & CLEAR

ENCOUNTER DETAILS: This encounter took place in a rural area less than 15 miles from downtown Anderson. The witnesses name and location will not be disclosed due to ongoing investigations in the area. Our witness contacted me in January of 2012 to relate some personnel encounters that he has had over the past 30+ years. He is 80 years old and very credible outdoorsman who has lived in the same location all of his life, he has also introduced me to several other witnesses who have had encounters but choose to keep them private for fear of ridicule. Below is his incredible story.

John was fishing for catfish in one of his favorite spots; about 100 yards below a bridge off the main highway that passes through a rural pine forested countryside. There were also 2 other men fishing about 30 yards upstream of him who John did not know. Having parked his truck on the side of the road he had approximately 40 yards of distance between him and his truck as well as the men fishing above him. He had his 2 fearless Boxer Bull dogs with him as well as a lantern to cast a glow in the immediate area he was fishing. At approximately 11:30 PM he got a bite and immediately hooked a fish; in the struggle to land the fish he was startled to hear a loud splashing sound coming from the opposite shore line. Using one hand to apply pressure on the fish with his rod and the other to grab his spotlight he lighted up the area of the disturbance and was immediately transfixed by what he saw just 30 yards away! He noticed an 8 foot tall Hairy Bi-Pedal creature that appeared to be malnourished and possibly had mange. As the spotlight hit the creature's cold black eyes, it proceeded to scream (sounded like a young women) and beat its chest in rapid succession 3 times while never taking its eyes off of John; it did this 3 to 4 times. When the screaming started his faithful dogs immediately ran towards the truck and the men fishing below him disappeared leaving their fishing gear at the creek. Alone and with a fear like he had never experienced before filling his body his only thought was to reel the fish in and get to the safety of the truck. After the last series of screams and chest pounding the creature turned to his right and appeared to be heading toward the bridge that was to him the only way for the creature to cross the creek without swimming across it. Convinced this was the creature's plan John grabbed his gear and with the fish still flopping on the ground he quickly covered the 40 yards or so to his truck. Upon reaching the truck the dogs were up under it shaking with fear, upon opening the doors the dogs were so terrified that they tried to get behind the bench seat into the small storage area behind it but there was no way for them to both fit back there. Once safely behind the wheel, engine started he drove the 5 miles to his home. Upon arrival he was greeted by his wife who after taking one look at him knew there was something wrong; she stated that, "He was white as a sheet and I had never seen him this terrified of anything". What amazed John most was how the dogs reacted, "Those 2 dogs have never ran from anything, I could not believe how these once fearless dogs were so terrified they abandoned me to fend for myself. The next

day John took his wife and daughter back to area of his encounter. One the sandy bottom that was exposed from the low flowing river they discovered several tracks that appeared to be humanlike but were wide and 18 to 20 inches in length. John's fears were instantly realized by the actual proof of these tracks and he and his family immediately departed the area fearing the creature could be still looming in the woods nearby.

This encounter was investigated by Dave Moser on several occasions and is less than a mile from one of my private research area that I have encountered 12 & 15 inch footprints in early 2012. A 15 mile area surrounding this location has had a number of encounters in the past 50 years. Power line & pipeline right ways intersect and connect this 15 mile corridor allowing for easy access to the different areas that these creatures have been observed and reported. Deer & Hogs are present in vast numbers and there is a lot of private hunting land and waterways including creeks, rivers & lakes in the area. This appears to be perfect habitat for a large creature to exist and stay hidden to most people.

Detailed description of the Creature as observed by the witness:

Approx Height: 8' Approx Weight: 300-450 lbs.

Hair Color: Dark Brown with patches of hair missing as if it had mange. Skin seen under hair appeared to be a pale white.

Face: Flat nose but looked almost human, pale white face and when the creature screamed witness observed fangs/K-9s.

Neck: none could be seen or observed.

Body Build: Wide shoulders but the body appeared skinny looking as if malnourished.

Odor: Non-Noted

Continued monitoring of this area is crucial due to the rapid pace of land being built upon and becoming private.