

Case Information:

We were contacted by a woman who claimed that she had witnessed:

"large crickets" wandering throughout the home

Voices coming from the kitchen when there was nobody in the kitchen.

Odd lights coming from the basement

The house only had two residents who were sisters (aged 90, 92)

It appeared that only one of the women was having the experiences. They were happening late at night when the older sister was sleeping.

We visited the home to interview the sisters and look at the location.

The home was a very normal residence and both of the sisters were very friendly and showed no signs of dementia. The only medical conditions that we identified were that the oldest sister was extremely hard of hearing and was partially blind. This seemed to be an easy explanation for the reason that she was not witnessing any of these events herself.

While interviewing the sisters about their experiences, we decided that we would take some time to be quiet and listen to the natural sounds of the home. After several minutes, we all heard what sounded like a very muffled conversation coming from the kitchen. Upon examination, the sound was discovered to be coming from the refrigerator. This sound was the byproduct of a Freon compressor that had a bearing that was bad. When the unit would turn on the sound of voices would be heard. This was something that could be easily fixed and they said that it was still under warranty.

As the interview one investigator started to examine the home. The location was a very normal house with nothing that would immediately explain the experiences. While examining the location we discovered that there was a very (almost dangerous) level of EMF in the older sisters' bedroom. The source of the EMF was traced to a C-pap machine was used by the older sister.

We continued interviewing the sisters and asked how long the things that they had reported had been happening. They reported that it had been going on for about three months. We then asked how long the C-pap machine had been in the older sisters' bedroom. They responded that it had been in the home for about three months.

When we asked where and when the occurrences were happening, they decided that most of it was happening late at night and while they were both in the older sister's room.

The reason that they were both in the older sisters' room is because the younger sister would feel scared at night and eventually go to her sisters' room so she would not have to be by herself. She would go into the room and sit on the recliner that was next to the bed her sister was in. At that point she would start to see and hear things, she even claimed that she saw some type of human-animal hybrid look into the room from the hallway, but it never came into the room.

It appeared that the older sister was never seeing any of this reported activity, but was just repeating back what her sister had told her.

Hypothesis:

The two sisters were in their declining years and the condition of their brains was not at their peak. In combination with the state of their brains and the large amount of EMF that was being produced by the C-pap machine, we thought that it was possible the experience was being created by these two conditions in combination with the cultural fears of the experiencer (large bugs, Demons, people they did not know in the home). This theory was based on the conclusions of Dr. Michael Persinger, who has noted a correlation between strong EMF and the human brain.

To test this hypothesis, we decided to run a two-night experiment:

Night one: The subjects would both stay in the older sister's room and leave the C-pap machine running. Regardless of what was witnessed they would note it for our examination when we returned.

Night two: The subjects would stay in the older sisters' room and turn off the C-pap machine (unless the older sister was having breathing issues). They would keep notes for our examination when we returned.

Analysis:

The first night the subjects reported that it had been one of the worst nights that they had ever had. There were people wandering through the home, the large bugs and been seen again and neither one had slept. The second night, they reported that they had no problems and that they had both slept better than they had in months.

We asked the sisters to contact their insurance company and tell them that the C-pap machine that they had been given was "too loud" and that they could not sleep with it running, therefore they needed a different model. When we suggested this, the sisters wanted to know why we would have them tell that story. We explained that if they told the insurance company that the machine was making them see ghosts, they would probably find themselves in permanent care.

Follow up:

They contacted the insurance company and had the device changed to a different one. They had no further problems.