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VIDEO ANALYSIS #V03-0006

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Video Submission and Background Information



Still Capture from aired film on A&E's Paranormal State

Submission Details

Submitted By: Original video source taken from Youtube user video upload

Date/Time of video: NA

Video Equipment Used: Thermal (FLIR) Video Camera (make and model currently unknown)

Location of Video Taken: Pine Barrens, New Jersey

Background information

Information Obtained from the PRS forums

PARANORMAL STATE 4: THE SEASON FINALE

Episode 4.13: "DEVIL IN JERSEY"

Tuesday, Feb. 9th, 10:00pm EST/9pm C

WHAT A&E SAYS:

PRS delves deep into the pine barrens of the Garden State to separate myth from reality about the so-called "Jersey Devil." Accompanied by a cryptozoologist the team interviews eye witnesses and experts in search of the truth: is the "Jersey Devil" actually an undiscovered species or as legend has it, the ghost of a cursed, deformed child?

WHAT PRS SAYS:

Buckle up everyone, this is gonna be one sweet-ass ride!

COME ON! GIVE US A SPOILER!!

Boy do we have a piece of evidence to show you!!!!

Additional Information about the video

This video that was captured during their episode is being utilized as possible photographic evidence of the Jersey Devil.

Video Camera Details

The video in question was taken with an FLIR thermal camera. There is currently no other available information available.

The Analysis

First, let me start by mentioning that even though members of PSIRO have former ties and affiliation with this organization, PSIRO is presenting the analysis as objective and unbiased as possible. Members of PSIRO previously debated with someone about this evidence and why they felt that PRS failed to offer more of a critical view of the evidence in question. Our goal is not to necessarily disprove the notions that this video is evidence of the Jersey Devil, but rather provide more of an objective overview as well as a highly critical review of the claimed evidence.

PSIRO has spent some time reviewing this footage with the only footage that is available through the Youtube site. The original FLIR video has not been offered up for evidence review by the organization, but rather a screen shot of the particular incident in which they believe that it most represents what they were searching for. Due to the fact that PSIRO does not have original footage to review, we can only go on, as well as the general public, whatever the organization and the television show make public.

PSIRO has reviewed the video footage above and made notes of certain points (also with screen shots) that we believe are important. We have labeled them below along with their respective time-slot. We reviewed the video footage with Windows Media player which you will notice in the screen shots, but the video is from the Youtube site above. There is about a 1 second difference in the screen time from the Windows Media Player and the Youtube site. All time notes are based on the Windows Media Player time codes (which are shown in each screen shot) and not on the actual video.

PSIRO Analysis Review Timeline

[1:23](#) - Vague figure of animal is seen on screen.

[1:29](#) - Figure is seen again, A head, neck and body seem noticeable in the video clip

[1:31](#) - Figure is shown with more detail. It is important to note that there is no indication of any "wings" at this time

[1:33](#) - While figure is still on screen, you notice that the operator is moving the camera

[1:34](#) - The appearance of "wings" are seen following the movement of the camera

Goes to Break - skipping some of the repeated scenes

1:51 - Figure is shown again and it appears the animal is quadruped based on the movement and walking patterns

[2:07](#) - Animal turns and runs

[2:07/2:08](#) - Seen darting behind object

To better understand whether or not there were wings or simply an obstruction caused by a tree branch or other shrubbery, we slowed down the video, took screen captures frame by frame to try and determine if we could find any further evidence to suggest the notion of wings. As noted above in the timeline, There were no indications of wings at around the 1:31 time slot, but the operator begins moving along with the camera at 1:33, and at 1:34 the obstruction or appearance of wings is seen. Here is a close up image of what is seen at 1:34 with the wings. This is the photograph that is being used as a basis for evidence of the possibility of the Jersey Devil.

Figure 1:



To further study and analyze the video, we analyzed the screen shots that were taken through the video. Since we already knew and understood that this was taken in the woods based on corroborating video showing the team walking through wooded area, we wanted to see if there was a way to determine where the brush and trees were located in reference to the deer. We did this by adjusting the contrast and darkening the image slightly to allow for the contrast to show up more. The basic idea of the contrast editing is that the higher contrast ratio between darks and lights. Basically darker colors get darker, lighter colors get lighter.

There are two images that we edited using contrast editing.

Figure 2

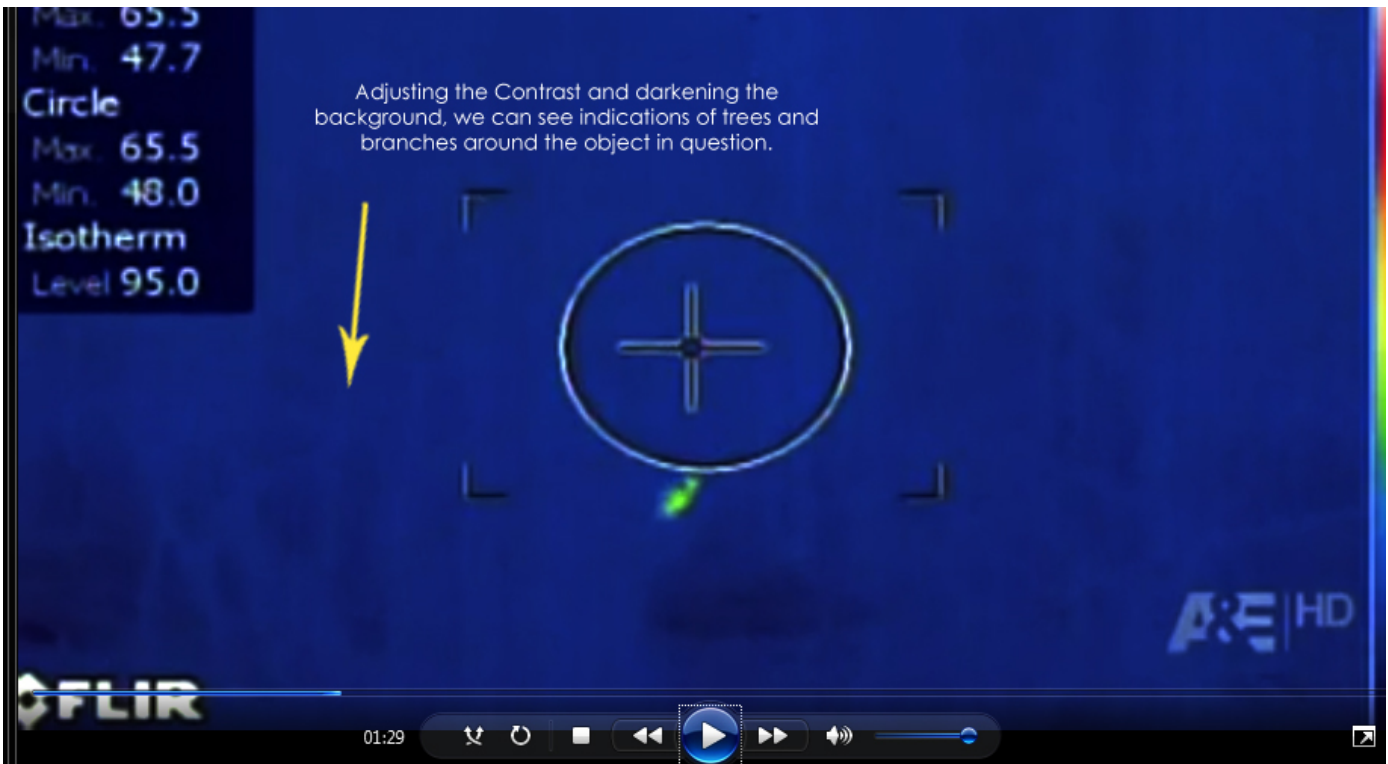
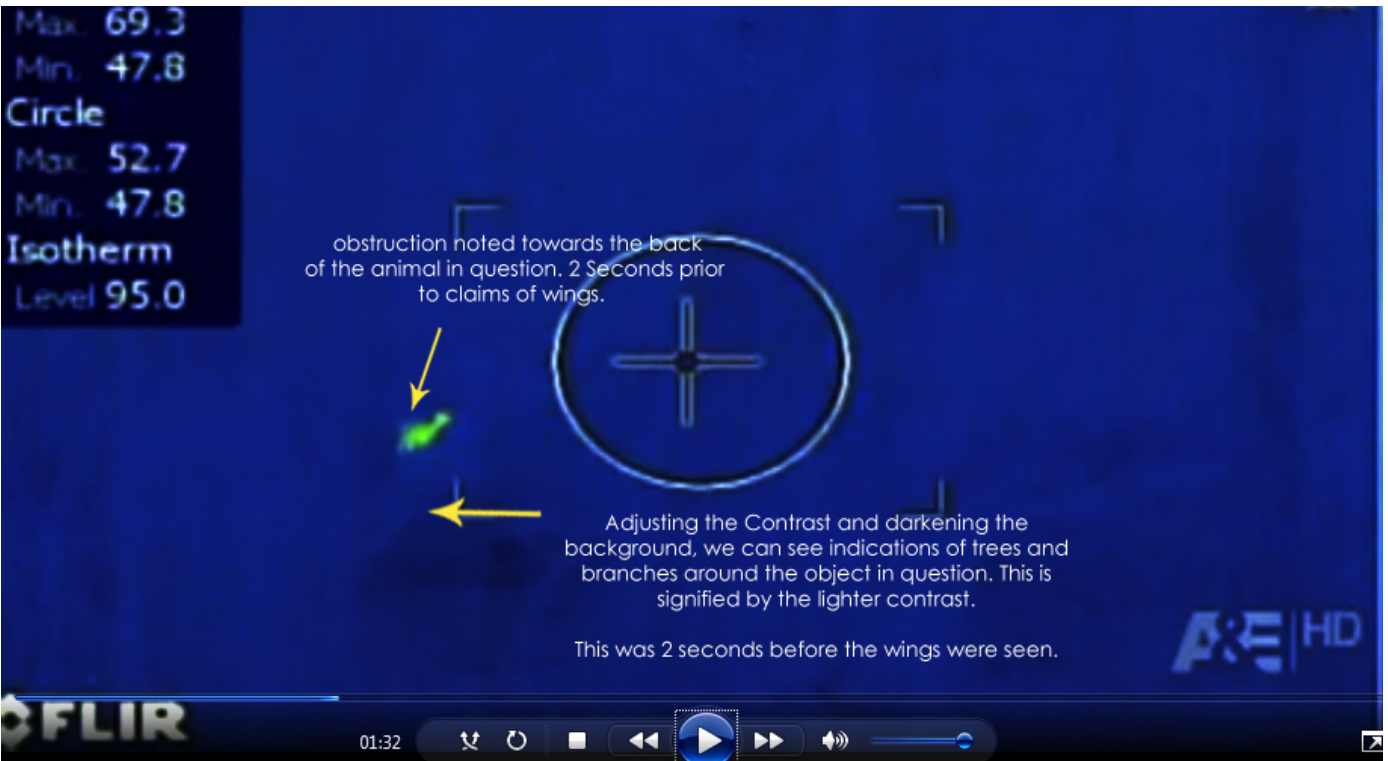


Figure 3



After reviewing the contrast edited images, there are definitive indications of trees and shrubbery around the operator and animal in question. In Figure 3, we made a special note of an obstruction that is seen towards the back of the animal that is clearly seen in both the edited and non-edited versions (see time slot 1:31).

Finally, the video shows the animal turning and darting off in the opposite direction. Below is a slowed down animated version of the animal running away (see website for animated image). You will notice that indication of trees and branches still on the images in this unedited version.

Figure 4



The reason for slowing down the video is that while debating the footage as genuine to someone that was present on the actual investigation, the claim was made that the wings seemed to move along with the animal as it ran off. Slowing down the image frame by frame allowed us to review the footage and the claim. In the animated version above (see website), you see what appears to be an animal facing towards the camera, then turning and darting in the opposite direction of close to 180 degrees. Reviewing the footage, we did find one last piece of evidence that I believe is important to note concerning this video clip. It is listed below.

Figure 5



In one of the final frames, you can barely see the animal that has darted in the opposite direction. You will notice that the obstruction remains in the location, roughly where the animal has been seen. Due to the nature of the video, knowing that there is definitively trees and brush within the vicinity and location, along with the evidence supporting the high plausibility that there is some obstruction seen around the animal, whether it be tree branches or other shrubbery, we believe that the evidence does not support the possibility of the Jersey Devil. The opposing evidence currently outweighs any supporting evidence, which is currently circumstantial.

While there is always the possibility that this was indeed the Jersey Devil, based on all of the evidence, we believe that the animal in question is that of a deer, most likely a young or female deer. We believe that the presence of wings was merely circumstantial based on the nature of the investigation. This opinion was shared by many others that were asked to identify the object in the image, without mentioning any involvement of the Jersey Devil.

Final Analysis & Conclusions

Conclusion

After reviewing and analyzing this video, the PSIRO has concluded that this video is classified as **Natural Explanations Highly Likely**.

Classification Rating System

All analyses are given a classification rating score based on the outcome of the analysis and what is/is not found during our analysis. This classification rating system is in place to ensure that all evidence submitted is given the same equal rating scale.

Rating Scale

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| Explainable | Evidence submitted show all characteristics that can be explained by current scientific knowledge and/or natural events. |
| Natural Explanations Highly Likely | Evidence submitted show many characteristics that can be explained by current scientific knowledge and/or natural events. A natural explanation could not be 100% identified, but remains the highest and most probable solution. |
| Inconclusive | There is not enough data to determine the evidence submitted one way or another. |
| Hoax or Faked | The evidence submitted has been faked, tampered with, or proven to be a hoax. |
| Possible Activity | Evidence submitted show many characteristics that cannot be explained naturally or through current scientific knowledge |
| Evidence of Activity | Evidence submitted show all characteristics that cannot be explained naturally or through current scientific knowledge. |