Kelley-Mikkola (KM) Photo/Video Classifications

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Photographs and video anomalies are extremely difficult to prove as paranormal in nature. All measures should be taken into consideration such as:

- The Exif info is intact for all digital photos.
- Several before and after photos are available (or the entire negative strip if a film camera).
- Ample before and after photos or video footage is available of the area in which the anomaly occurred.

CLASS 1 (PARANORMALLY COMPELLING)

This classification means that all natural explanations have been strenuously ruled out and what remains *indicates*—but does not necessarily prove—a paranormal conclusion.

Examples that may be classified as Paranormally Compelling include, but are not limited to:

- *Apparitions*. The photograph/video irrefutably contains an apparition; full or partial, solid or transparent, human or animal.
- *Unexplained Objects*. The photograph/video irrefutably contains an unexplained object such as a UFO that is clear and unidentifiable as a man-made object.
- *Video Anomalies*.
  - Movement of an object of its own volition.
  - A video anomaly that shows a decidedly intelligent flight path, i.e., one that moves, stops/hovers, then moves again and/or changes direction.
- *Other Anomaly*. The photograph/video contains another type of anomaly that cannot be explained as a natural occurrence.

CLASS 2 (PARANORMALLY SIGNIFICANT)

This classification means that a natural explanation is unlikely but cannot be ruled out completely. What remains *could*—but not necessarily is—paranormal in nature.

Examples that may be classified as Paranormally Significant include, but are not limited to:

- *Ectoplasm/Mist*. An amorphous cloud that appears in a photograph as diffuse (widely spread, scattered, or dispersed), clear or blurred, light or dark, etc. A second photo taken within two minutes must show no mist.
- *Unexplained Objects*. The photograph/video irrefutably contains a blurry object such as a UFO that cannot be conclusively identified as natural or paranormal.
- *Vortex*. An anomaly that appears as a rapidly rotated movement of energy or matter with what appears to be a beginning and end point in the photograph. Often—but not always—what appears to be an orb moving very rapidly in the photograph with a very short shutter speed.
- *Other Anomalies*. The photograph/video contains another type of anomaly that cannot be conclusively ruled out as a natural occurrence.

CLASS 3 (FALSE-POSITIVE)

This classification means that the photo/video anomaly—while appearing to be paranormal in nature—can be explained as a natural occurrence or the weight of evidence points to a natural occurrence.

Examples that may be classified as False-Positives include, but are not limited to:

- *Sky Objects*. This includes balloons, dirigibles, and man-made aircraft, among others.
- *Orbs*. For all intents and purposes, orbs are not paranormal in nature and can easily be explained as dust, moisture, pollen, and airborne contaminants.
- *Light Streaks/Light Snakes/Energy Rods*. This phenomena can almost always be explained as camera shake.
- *Lens Flare/Camera Anomalies*. Lens flare happens when a light source is in front of the camera but out of the field of view.