

# SOMETIMES THINGS ARE NOT WHAT THEY APPEAR TO BE

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Most people who have major medical problems often seek out a second opinion before making a decision on treatment. The same applies to the paranormal. Sometimes a second opinion can cast new light on what something appears to be. This is one of those cases.

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Usually before our team takes on an investigation, I try to interview the client by phone to get their initial claims and any background information that would help to decide if we will take on a case.

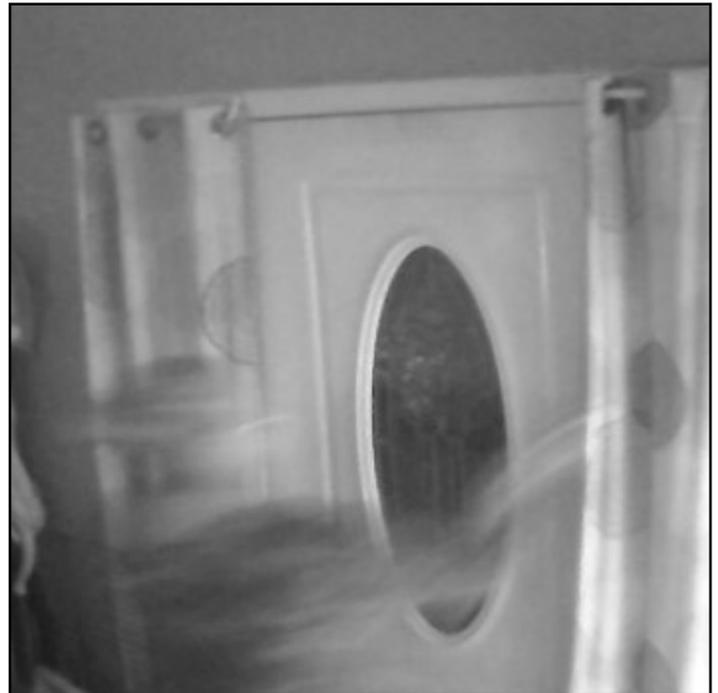
What they know about the history of the property, who has experienced the activity, and what their level of concern is are all important factors as to what action we will take, what equipment we will bring, and what team members to assemble.

This case began when a friend contacted us and asked if we would do an investigation for a lady in Byhalia, Mississippi. I told her it would not be a problem and to have the person contact us to do a phone interview. I did not hear from this lady for almost six months before she called and asked for our help.

The client, Roxanne, talked to me for almost an hour, and I could tell that she was really stressed out about what was happening in her house. She was concerned for her safety, as well as the safety of her autistic daughter who lived with her. She wanted to know if there was anything she could do to stop the activity or help the spirits move on.

I asked her why she had waited so long to contact us, considering her fears.

She said she had a paranormal team from Memphis investigate and said they asked only three questions and stayed around 30 minutes. They had told her she had several entities in her residence and a little boy who was



**This image was captured on Roxanne's motion-sensor security camera in her house when no one was home. It seems to show the apparition of an entity.**

afraid to move on. I questioned how they could arrive at such a conclusion with only three questions and told her they could have caused more emotional upheaval with such statements. I know of no professional teams who would make such claims with such limited data.

When she tried to contact them after their visit, they never responded. That's when she called us.

## **Paranormal Claims**

Roxanne said she had been pushed from behind several times (once causing physical injuries requiring four stitches), seen shadow people in the house, and had items moved or gone missing. She also had pictures of

strange mists and shadows captured on security cameras in her house.

Finally, her neighbor said they had found satanic items and candles in the attic of the adjoining attached residence that were removed and burned in the yard.

### **Our Investigation**

Upon arrival, we found the residence to be a dual residence, with one residence being two stories and the client's residence being an attached single-story apartment. We were informed that the building was part of a larger homestead that once had a large plantation house that was built in the 1800s but had been destroyed in a fire. We were also told that an abandoned cemetery was located on the property behind the original house and assumed to be original owner's family plot. It almost sounded like the beginnings of a horror movie.

After being filled in about the claims, Roxanne shared with us her research about the family history of the property and the conclusions she had made as to who or what she thought was causing the activity.

We advised her that we would not even begin to make any conclusions until we had reviewed the data captured during our initial investigation, and possibly that a second investigation would be needed before we would provide any theories.

Team members Tara and Brandon proceeded to investigate using various EMF meters, digital recorders, and

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a, SLS camera. During the 2 ½ hours we were there, both Tara and Brandon appeared to make contact with an entity that was willing to communicate, with Tara continuing to receive responses and Brandon analyzing the responses and explaining the possible meanings to Roxanne as they occurred.

I took an overall assessment as to the root concerns of Roxanne, and depending on the analysis of the data, what further actions would be needed to develop a clearer picture of what we were dealing with.

During the investigation, it was asked if a five-year-old entity she called George was stuck or trapped there. George had died in the house in 1910. We eventually got a response through the K-II EMF Meter that it was Stephen (George's father) that was stuck, not George. This could mean that George only comes and visits



**This image, captured on Roxanne's home security camera when no one was home, seems to have captured a mist-like entity on the lower left side of the image.**

because his dad is still there, and his dad is there because of his attachment to the house he built and where generations of his family lived. The neighbor's child said that she had seen a little boy playing with her toys in her room several times.

We also got a positive response when asked if their family was buried in the cemetery behind the original house (which can possibly give us verification if it is indeed the Crockett family, who were the original owners).

We got mixed responses when asked if they needed help, which can mean one or all of the entities may or may not need, or want, help. That also creates an ethical question about trying to force an entity to leave when it wishes to stay.

We concluded the investigation at approximately 4:30 p.m. We proceeded with the analysis of all the data over the next week.

### **Conclusion**

First and foremost, none of the investigators sensed anything negative during our investigation, nor did we pick up any negative responses as we communicated through our equipment. All three investigators believed the activity was simply to show that the entities were there. One of the validations that this was the case was on one of the EVPs we captured when asking why they were there. The EVP said, "Know us."

By the responses we got during our investigation, and the other EVP responses we captured during the investi-

gation, we can rule out that this is a residual haunting. It seems to be an intelligent entity, or entities, that willingly tried to communicate with us. If they were negative, they most likely would not have responded at all.

The shoving from behind, and things being moved or hidden, is a behavior that would be typical of a bored little five-year-old child being mischievous and knowing he can get away with it. Perhaps telling his dad (Stephen) to reign him in would end those issues.

There were concerns about Roxanne's daughter and if some of her behaviors were being influenced by these entities. After researching behaviors caused by autism, I found certain behaviors are common traits in those suffering with autism and not an indication of paranormal influence. I found a volume of literature on how to deal with some who exhibits those behaviors to give to Roxanne that might lessen the concern of spirit attachments.

Spirits will sometimes stay on the land, in the houses they occupied, or with material objects they held dear when alive, not because they are trapped, but because they are comfortable there. There is a real possibility that the spirit of Stephen decided to stick around and the spirit of his wife and child crossed over into spirit. They could very easily come back to visit Stephen, and their request for help is for Stephen to cross over and join them.

The child purportedly saying it wasn't his fault and was an accident could simply be in reference to the pushing and moving items and not about something he did while living.

## Suggestions

We told Roxanne that based on what we captured, there doesn't appear to be anything to be afraid of in the house, other than it is often unsettling to know you are sharing your house with unseen guests. Often, once you acknowledge them, the activity ceases or is reduced greatly.

We gave Roxanne options about removing the entities and let her know that we would follow up with her in a few weeks for her decision.

This "second opinion" seemed to make sense to Roxanne and alleviated many of her fears she had from what she got from the first team she had investigate. After all, sometimes things are not what they appear to be.

## Update

When we called to schedule a follow-up meeting of our findings with Roxanne, we found out she suffered a heart attack on Christmas Eve and is awaiting surgery. We will give her the hard copies of our finding after she recovers.

We were also advised that her neighbor had gone into the area where the cemetery was located and found that loggers had bulldozed the land and that all the headstones were gone. Hopefully, they relocated the bodies. That ended our hopes that we could validate the entities with the names in the family plot, and thoughts of the movie *Poltergeist* came to mind.

Only time will tell if this investigation is over. ♦

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