

Wisconsin Bigfoot News: Alleged Sightings of Strange Creatures in Washington County - Could It Be Bigfoot?

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Krueger couldn't be reached for this story.

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While they take each reported sighting seriously, the one near Erin was different.

“He worked for the DNR, somebody that knows nature,” TJ said of Krueger. “He knows what a bear looks like. It was standing on two legs, picking up the animal.”

Still, Krueger didn’t open up about it at first. He was afraid of the ridicule, knowing there was going to be a lot of people who didn’t believe him and would think he’s crazy.

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There were plenty of skeptics.

Then Highway Commissioner Ken Pesch had a laugh about it, referring to how to get rid of dead animals from the side of the road.

“That’s one way to get rid of them,” he said in a Nov. 10, 2006, Daily News article.

The Biscardis believed Krueger — and with good reason.

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“It sticks in the back of your mind,” he added. “It exists.”

He has never feared of being called crazy or a nut.

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“I know it wasn’t a guy in a suit,” he said, referring to his Texas encounter.

TJ said the sightings are most common between Memorial Day and Labor Day. However, at this time of the year, as the temperatures cool off, sightings aren’t rare because TJ said Bigfoot is a migrational creature, looking for warmer spots.

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Submitted photo Researcher Lindy Godfrey believes Steven Krueger may have seen a "bearwolf." This is Godfrey's drawing of a bearwolf.

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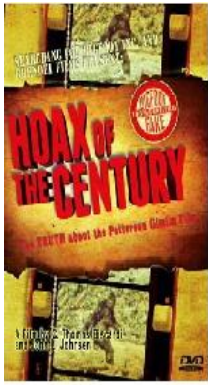
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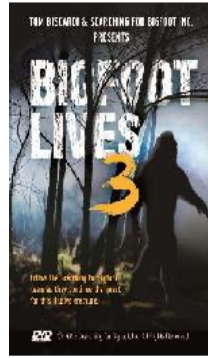
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