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Possible meteor shower sighting in South Florida

Staff reports

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Some South Floridians reported seeing bright, flare-like objects disappear into the sky Sunday night, in what resembled a meteor shower.

The Coast Guard's command center starting receiving reports of a possible meteor shower at about 7:30 p.m., said Coast Guard Petty Officer 3rd Class Sabrina Laberdesque. Laberdesque said the Coast Guard could neither confirm nor deny whether it was, in fact, a meteor shower.

The Coast Guard sent out a helicopter to check on a report of a flare but found nothing. Laberdesque said there were no injuries and no boats in distress after the reported sightings.

The Broward Sheriff's Office also reported receiving several calls from locals claiming there were "lights in the sky."

On Friday, a meteor exploded about 15 miles overhead near the Russian town of Chelyabinsk. More than 1,100 people were reportedly injured.

If you witnessed the lights over South Florida's sky on Sunday night and have images, please send them to photos@sunsentinel.com.

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