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Foggy streak

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It was a dark and foggy night. She turned around and there he was, stark naked in the picture window.

Ollie Mae Reese, proprietor of the Mount Toxaway Lodge, was locking up for the night at around 9:45 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 21, when she turned around and saw a strange shape outside her window.

When she realized that it was a naked man waving his arms around, she thought of making a run for her car outside, Reese said. But it was too foggy, so she locked the door and called the lodge's caretaker, Charlie Hicks, who was upstairs.

"Charlie, there's a naked man down here, call the police fast!" she said.

By that time, the man was gone and she couldn't see if he was still outside as it was too foggy. "It was so foggy you couldn't see anything," said Reese.

Officers from the Transylvania County Sheriff's Department arrived a few minutes later, although they were delayed by the fog.

Brian Kreigsman, chief detective, said that there are no leads on the flasher at this time. He is a white male, about 6 feet tall with dark brown hair, a stocky build, weighing around 200 pounds and in his late 20s to late 30s.

Both he and Sheriff Bobby Orr said they have had another incident or two in the Toxaway area, usually on the golf course.

"I don't know if it's somebody streaking or if they've got a pervert up there," said Kreigsman.

The flasher goes after older women, and the sheriff's department doesn't know if this is someone who is following women or just finding them by chance.

"We don't know if he's scoping them out or not," said Kreigsman. "Women look up and there he is."

The experience has left Reese feeling insecure and afraid.

"We've been in business 16 years and people tell me 'Honey, I don't know why you stay down there all by yourself. It's dangerous.' I've never had this type of experience before or known fear. I'm going to be very careful. This taught me a lesson," she said.

While Reese expected this type of incident to happen in the city, she didn't expect it in the mountains. "It's surprising and something to think about," said Reese. She now calls her husband to pick her up after work.