

# GHOST

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The two men said the EVP recordings they have are from two men, a young girl and a woman.

"The little girl baffled me. She says a few things," Mr. Leachman said.

"When you (Mr. Leachman) were leaving you hear this little girl say bye," Mr. Reynolds said.

When another investigator left, the same voice also said bye, he said.

"There was 30 minutes between each other, between the EVPs of the same girl," Mr. Leachman said.

He said one of the first investigative teams actually heard voices.

The two men said a number of people listened to the EVP recordings. Several recordings were also presented to *Wiregrass Farmer* Editor Ben Baker on Saturday morning. Mr. Baker said he could not hear anything intelligible in the recordings, except for the investigators.

Mr. Leachman said the editor's impressions were also important to the investigation.

## FIRST INVESTIGATION

The first time the group came they used what Mr. Leachman calls "controversial

techniques."

The first is a "Radio Shack Hack" scanner, much like a police scanner except this scans commercial radio frequencies. This scanner does not stop on any one signal, but constantly scans the spectrum.

"It does not stop on any station. Supposedly the spirits communicate with white noise," Mr. Reynolds said. "How it works? We don't know."

Mr. Leachman said he was not sure about the radio scanner before the jail investigation, but has more confidence in it because of the results.

"They said our full names. Giving us our names made me feel more comfortable with the device," he said.

The other method is "provoking." Just like it sounds, this is doing things in a place in order to make any paranormal presence react.

Mr. Reynolds said they banged on jail bars and asked questions.

## SECOND INVESTIGATION

The pair originally investigated the jail several months ago with other colleagues. Mr. Leachman and Mr. Reynolds returned Saturday to do a second check.

This time they merely set up equipment and left.

"I want to test a theory to

see if something has to be here for something to happen," Mr. Leachman said.

They left audio equipment that would periodically ask questions. Other equipment recorded.

They said the results of the second investigation will be available in a few months.

## LOOKING FOR PROOF

Mr. Leachman said he's mostly a skeptic about the paranormal.

"When we walk into a place, we don't have an expectation (of finding) a ghost," he said. I doubt it from the get-go."

He said he continues to doubt even some of the evidence gathered at the first jail investigation.

"There are no experts in this field," Mr. Reynolds said.

**EDITOR'S NOTE** - I'm stepping back from journalistic

objectivity for this story for a moment. A lot of people are going to ask me in the coming weeks "Is the jail haunted?" In my qualified opinion - I don't know.

Is there paranormal activity going on at the jail? I don't know.

Is there anything unexplained going on at the jail? Not that I have seen or experienced.

Do I believe in hauntings and ghosts? This answer is not going to satisfy some people, but it's my answer - There are things which happen that I cannot explain. This does not mean it can't be explained. It only means I don't know. Whether paranormal or natural remains to be seen.

At one time ball lightning was considered a myth or a ghost. It's now a verified natural phenomena. I have seen it twice.

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