

Ranger Security Division — Enemy Sighting Log (Sector 7G)

Incident Summary and Timeline

At 0430 hours, local time, automated perimeter sensors in Sector 7G registered a sudden surge in off-spectrum energy. Within seconds, the Northern Ridge surveillance network flagged the anomaly and initiated Level-2 observation protocols. The on-call duty officer authorized the deployment of a triad of stealth drones to triangulate the source.

A chronological breakdown of the event places the initial rift appearance at T+00:00, the emergence of the first hostile at T+00:06, and full squad deployment at T+00:19. The entire incident, from first detection to final rift collapse, lasted just under fifteen minutes. Despite the short window, sensor coverage was comprehensive enough to construct a detailed encounter map.

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The hostiles moved in a coordinated fashion, scanning the terrain with integrated optical arrays. Their armor plating appeared to be segmented, allowing for rapid reconfiguration in response to environmental threats. Footprints left in the rocky soil contained trace amounts of off-world metallic compounds, suggesting recent travel through multiple environments. At no point did the hostiles acknowledge the presence of the reconnaissance drones, indicating either a limitation in their sensor range or a deliberate choice to ignore low-threat targets.

After approximately twelve minutes, the entities regrouped and oriented themselves toward the distant city perimeter. Before they could advance, a secondary rift opened behind them. An unknown signal was transmitted, and the hostiles withdrew through the portal. All traces of the energy distortion dissipated within thirty seconds, leaving only residual dimensional echoes detectable by HQ instruments.

Visual and Energetic Analysis

Embedded spectral analysis reveals that the entities' armor reflects most visible light, resulting in a dark, almost featureless profile on standard visual feeds. To compensate, analysts relied on thermal and energy-overlay modes. These revealed cross-hatched conduits running along the limbs and torso, pulsing in sync with an internal power source.

The underlying energy emissions occupy a narrow but intense band of the spectrum, bordering on what is typically associated with corrupted morph energy. While not a perfect match to any historical villain database, there are faint similarities to readings once linked to rogue Grid experiments. No known enemy faction currently fields soldiers of this exact configuration, raising the possibility that a new

antagonist group is testing assets within striking distance of the city.

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Threat Assessment and Recommended Response

Given the brevity of the encounter, definitive classification of the threat remains pending. However, the tactical discipline displayed by the hostiles, combined with their controlled withdrawal, suggests a strategic reconnaissance operation. They were not probing HQ directly, but their vector toward the city indicates a deliberate interest in civilian infrastructure.

Command is advised to raise alert status in all sectors bordering the ridge. Ranger patrol routes should be adjusted to provide overlapping coverage, with particular attention to known weak points in the dimensional barrier. Surveillance drones operating in the region will be equipped with updated filters calibrated to the newly logged energy signature, improving the odds of early detection in future encounters.

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