

Albert Bender and the Three Visitors

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A Connecticut UFO enthusiast said three dark-clothed visitors ordered him to stop investigating. His published account helped give the Men in Black legend its enduring image of knowledge enforced by intimidation.

STATUS	Traceable personal account; visitors not independently verified
CLASSIFICATION	STR
MATERIAL	Bridgeport, Connecticut, United States
DISPOSITION	PUBLIC / SOURCED STORY
CATEGORY	Strange Files
RECORD TYPE	Secrets & conspiracies
STORY HISTORY	1953; books in 1956 and 1962

THE ACCOUNT

Before the Men in Black became movie characters, Albert K. Bender placed them in his Bridgeport home. In his account, three visitors dressed in black arrived in 1953 and demanded that he abandon his UFO work. Bender had organized a flying-saucer group and published Space Review. His promised revelation did not appear. The abandoned investigation became part of the mystery, as though the silence itself were a message.

FOLLOWING THE TRAIL

Bridgeport History Center traces the episode through local records, newspaper coverage and Bender's later narrative. Gray Barker publicized the story in They Knew Too Much About Flying Saucers in 1956; Bender offered his own book in 1962. These publications document a reported experience and the development of a legend. They do not independently establish that government agents or extraterrestrials visited him.

WHY IT STAYS WITH US

The tale reverses the familiar encounter story. Its visitors do not display wonders; they forbid a witness from speaking. That makes missing evidence feel like part of the plot, a persuasive narrative trap. Bender's address was real, his publishing activity was real, and the frightening visitors remain a claim carried outward from that ordinary Connecticut setting.

WHERE THIS TELLING COMES FROM

Bridgeport's UFO Legacy: Men in Black and the Albert K. Bender Story

Bridgeport Public Library History Center

<https://bportlibrary.org/hc/authors/bridgeports-ufo-legacy-men-in-black-and-the-albert-k-bender-story/>

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