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On August 17, 2007 at approximately 9:45 AM the Shelton Police Department received three phone calls from motorist traveling on Shelton Avenue (Route 108) in the area of Lake Road, reporting they observed a large cat like animal crossing the highway. The callers described the animal as tan in color with a small head and long tail, the size of a baby deer. Two of the motorist's went on the internet and believe what they saw was a mountain lion.

Shelton Police Officers and Officers from the CT Department of Environmental Protection Agency searched the area but were unable to locate the animal.

The location of the sighting is near the Shelton Intermediate School and several city walking trails. The Shelton Police are asking residents to beware of their surroundings while outdoors. Shelton Police are asking residences to call the Police Department if the animal is sighted. Residence can contact the CT Department of Environmental Protection, Wildlife Division at 860-424-3011 for questions they may have.