Drone crashes into NJ homeowner's backyard — as panic over mystery sightings grips state

A drone fell out of the sky and crashed into a New Jersey homeowner's backyard Thursday night — prompting the town's mayor to even drive to the scene to survey the site himself.

The aircraft smashed down in a residential area of Pequannock Township in Morris County around 8:45 p.m. Thursday, according to police and dispatch audio.

Officials determined the craft was "a hobby or toy type of drone" and "not a large commercial or military grade drone," the Pequannock Police Department told The Post.

It comes on the heels of New Jersey cops warning of possible "copycats."

"What we think is it started as some sort of Picatinny Arsenal base surveillance drill or operation but once it exploded online, this became a copycat situation," one Garden State police chief theorized.

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