



# REPORT

ALFREDO'S CAFE  
ALBUQUERQUE, NM

INVESTIGATION



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The word “investigation” is defined as  
“a searching inquiry for ascertaining facts; detailed or careful examination.”

The key word here is “facts”. Do ghosts exist? No, it has not been proven.  
Therefore are no facts to investigate.

What we do have is the testimony of the witnesses and this is where an investigational process will work. Investigations are often viewed as a skeptical activity because the main goal is trying to determine what the witness actually saw. Is it explainable or not? This is done through critical thinking and an event replication process developed by SGHA. This is an important concept because what defines a haunting or ghost sighting is “Multiple witnesses reporting unusual phenomena over a period of time”. If these phenomena can be explained, the witness reports are no longer validating paranormal activity as a cause and thus there is no ghost or haunting. Additionally historical research may be done in an attempt to validate facts.

It is important to understand that the goal of an investigation is not to find evidence of the paranormal but to attempt to identify any natural or manmade causes of the reported phenomena

### Definition of Terms

**Investigation Status:** Unsolved investigations will have either an open or closed status. An investigation is given an “Open” status if:

The investigators were unable to replicate all of the witness events. Something significant remains that is still unsolved.

It is important to understand that an “open” investigation does not mean that the unsolved facts are paranormal in nature. It simply means that we have exhausted our resources and cannot solve the “open” items/events.



A “Closed” status indicates that there is insufficient data or confounding variables that prevents replication or identifying possible explanations. This often occurs when investigators do not have direct access to witnesses or some other environmental change have occurred that creates confounding variables.

## Confidentiality Notice

Many of the witnesses interviewed have wished to remain anonymous in exchange for presenting their accounts of paranormal experiences. We honor that request and thus witnesses will often be identified by aliases. Any coincidence between aliases and actual persons is unintentional.

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## **Part 1: Location Information**

**Alfredo's café and coffee shop**

**Albuquerque, NM**

## **Part 2: Location History:**

The front room of this building was constructed prior to 1706 as a Native American residence. Made of adobe bricks which are mortared with mud then protected with a layer of mud or cement, much of the original walls remain. The



original vigas (wooden beams) are still visible in the ceiling. Efficiently styled fireplaces, called "kivas" were the prime source of heat.

In 1680, the northern Pueblo Indians revolted against the oppression of Spanish rule, forcing the Spaniards, many of the colonists and even the southern Pueblo Indians to flee New Mexico. Most

fled to the south along El Camino Real, and relocated along the lower Rio Grande around present day El Paso, Texas.

The Spanish eventually returned and constructed a small presidio (fort) just north of a small settlement that would eventually become the city of Albuquerque. The back of the building was where their horse coral was located. This has since been built over and is now the main room of the building where bands play to the establishment's clientele. Properties on both sides of Carnuel Street were first owned by the Diego Sanchez family in 1690. The street was eventually renamed Charlevoix Street after another owner of the land, Charles, a French man who operated a stable and Old Town's weigh station. Charlevoix is French for "Charles' view". Charlevoix Street was also nicknamed Burro Alley due to the laws that prohibited them in the plaza. In modern times the building



has served as a restaurant, various mercantile shops, a bicycle shop and now a coffee shop.

It is also interesting to note that the coffee house is only one small part of the ancient Spanish fort. The fort extended east to San Felipe Street and then turned south. Other shops within this area have also reported unusual occurrences that are similar in nature to those that occurring at this location. However, the locations on San Felipe Street seem to be more consistently active than the Coffee house itself. This may be due to the location of living quarters and defensive positions when the area was a Spanish fort. It should also be noted that a great deal of the original Spanish fort was destroyed in the flood of 1866.

### Part 3: Witnesses

This section identifies the witnesses to the reported activity.

Name	Sex	Connection with reported incident	Interviewed
Enrique	Male	Manager, witness	3/26/2006
Shelly	Female	Waitress, witness	3/26/2006

*Witnesses given aliases are noted by a \**

### Part 4: Reported Phenomena (General)

There are various rumors about the ghost that haunts this cafe. Some believe that it is a long passed Native American who still moves about the grounds, but the most popular theory is that it is a Spanish Soldier who once occupied the fort. The witnesses of the phenomena range from the establishment's employees, customers and even the musicians that have played there late into the evening.

Disembodied voices have been heard coming from the kitchen and storage areas. The voices sound like they are speaking Spanish, but are mumbled



enough so that it is difficult to clearly understand what is being said. Many believe that the ghost is speaking an archaic form of Spanish and that is why it is so difficult to understand. Employees at the coffee house have often searched for the source of the voices, believing that a customer had somehow managed to find his way behind the counter. A thorough search of the area always generates the same results, the kitchen and storage rooms are completely empty. No one is there.



On occasion the sounds of the voices are preceded by the uneasy feeling that you are being watched. Sudden "breezes" of cold air have also been experienced near the counter.

Other unusual occurrences seem to be electrical in nature. The door to the power box located near the front door flies open with force on occasion. No logical explanation can be found as to why the electrical box door would violently fly open on its own accord. Often when this occurs, the heating is



turned on. Lights turn on and off, apparently by themselves, throughout the entire location.

One of the coffee houses' regulars believes that she can feel a heavy presence, like static electricity, when the spirit enters the room. She describes herself as a "sensitive" and believes that the ghost of Spanish soldier is still following his orders even in death. He continues patrolling the grounds, guarding the building from danger and anything he might perceive as a threat.

## **Part 5: Historical Research**

It is interesting to note that in an interview with a two former tenants, no paranormal activity was witnessed at all.

## **Part 6: Investigation/Hypotheses**

SGHA investigators were able to replicate the breezes of air. The phenomenon occurs as a result of the air flow through the building when the air conditioning is turned on when the exhaust fan is running. The disembodied voices were eventually isolated using sound mapping. Recorders were placed around the building and later the decibel levels were analyzed to determine the proximity of the source of the sounds. They were determined to be coming from the adjoining buildings and sounds coming from the street.

The condition of the wiring may also be the cause of the lights going on and off.



The electrical demands of the cafe may often exceed that of the breakers in the electrical box causing them to trip or possibly not receiving enough voltage to properly function them. It was also noticed that the light in the men's bathroom flickered whenever the cappuccino machine was operating. An inspection of the circuit breaker box



revealed several breakers to be double tapped. One of the double tapped wires had become loose. Loose conductors can lead to overheating; arcing and cause the momentary power issues that were reported to occur in the building.

### Part 7: Conclusion

The source of the reported phenomena was identified as natural and explainable.

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### Part 8: Photographs





