

Microburst blamed for Horton damage

(KNZA)--A microburst is blamed for damage incurred Monday night in the City of Horton as severe thunderstorms rolled through the local area.

The finding follows an on-site investigation Tuesday by the National Weather Service, with Warning Coordination Meteorologist Chad Omitt told MSC News the microburst, with winds between 75 to 95 mph, “caused a narrow 40 to 60 yard-wide sporadic damage swath that lasted about a quarter-mile in length on the southwest side of [Horton].

According to Horton residents, the damage happened around 6:30 Monday evening, with windows blown out, and other destruction, occurring in the downtown district.

In one case, a business sign was blown away and was found three blocks away. The pressure of the confirmed microburst also caused ceiling damage, and in one reported case, forced a curtain through the frame of the window without breaking the glass.

At least one building, reported as located across from the USD 430 Board of Education, was destroyed by the microburst.

Along with the business damage, Omitt says the microburst also led to sporadic tree limb damage through the rest of Horton.

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