

*Supplement Narrative

On 10/8/09 I started to respond to an Agency Assist after Dep. Sutton E49 called over the radio that he had 3 code victims, 1 burn victim, and 15-20 other people down. I had just come on and started to head to the scene.

On 10/8/09 at approximately 1800 hrs I was contacted over the radio by Sgt. Barbaro to respond to VVMC and to stand by with two dead bodies from the call. As I was responding I had emergency traffic that involved a weapon that I took care of first before being able to get to VVMC. Until I arrived Cottonwood PD was standing by for me with the dead bodies and other victims.

I arrived at VVMC 2005 hrs and made sure that no staff from Angel Valley was to be talking to the victims. I contacted the front desk to get information of who was at the hospital and what room they were in. I was told that Christine Bivins [REDACTED] was in room 6, Lou Caci [REDACTED] was just moved to ICU room 8, Sean Ronan [REDACTED] was in room 8, and Dennis Mehravar [REDACTED] was in room 10. They also told me that the two dead bodies were in room 16 and 21.

Dep. Sutton contacted me and stated that he needed me to contact any talking victim to find out the day's events.

I contacted Dennis Mehravar in room 10 of the ED and asked him to tell me the days events.

Dennis said he arrived Saturday the 3rd of October to attend the Spiritual Warrior seminar by James Arthur Ray. Dennis said that they had breakfast around 0800 hrs before attending classes until 1300 hrs. Dennis said that they were then told they were going to do a sweat lodge. Dennis said they did not have lunch. Dennis said around 1400 hrs they started the sweat lodge. Dennis told me this was his first one.

Dennis said it is air tight and once it starts no one goes out and no one comes in. Dennis said hot stones are brought in and water is poured over them. Dennis told me they were told they were going to do 7 rounds. Dennis said after the 4th or 5th round he did not remember anything.

I asked Dennis what the last thing he remembered was and he told me he put his head close to the ground because it was cooler. Dennis told me the next thing he remembered was being outside and someone hosing him down with water. Dennis told me the person hosing him down was someone helping out, but did not know their name.

I then contacted Linda Andresano of [REDACTED] in the emergency department. I asked Linda to tell me from the time she arrived at the retreat what she was did.

Linda told me she arrived on Saturday at the Angel Valley Retreat. Linda said she came to attend the "Spiritual Warrior" seminar by James Arthur Ray. Linda told me that

Saturday night they had a welcome dinner/meeting. Linda said on Sunday and Monday they were in seminars all day with James Ray.

Linda said Tuesday night they all left for their own "vision quests" which would involve them fasting (no food or water) from Tuesday night until Thursday morning. Linda said they were left alone out by themselves for this time and had assigned spots.

Linda told me that Thursday morning after they were picked up they had breakfast before going to classes until 1400 hrs. Linda told me that they were then going to do a "sweat lodge." Linda told me they did not have a lunch before going into the sweat lodge.

Linda then explained the sweat lodge to me. Linda told me that there is a wood frame which is covered with blankets and tarps. Linda said it was completely pitch black inside. Linda explained to me that there is a fire pit in the middle in which hot stones are put into and then water is pored over them to create steam. Linda told me that this is a considered a round and they were suppose to do possibly 8 of them.

Linda told me she was fine until the 6th or 7th round and she passed out. Linda said when she woke up she was outside of the tent.

Linda told me that it was really hot inside the tent. Linda also said they were chanting while this was going on. Linda said there was people that left after each round and the reason she stayed was because she thought she was doing fine. Linda told me that there was about 55 people inside the tent. Linda also told me that back in college she did LSD and when she was out of the tent she felt the same way. Linda said that she felt like she was out of her body.

This ends my involvement in this matter.

End of Report NFI
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