

*I/V Mickey Reynolds by Det. Diskin #C23

Interview by Detective Ross Diskin:

On 10/30/09 I interviewed Mickey Reynolds. The following is a transcript of that interview.

Transcription of interview:

Det. Diskin: What's gone on over the years with James Ray?

Mickey: Yea

Det. Diskin: I also uh was just getting ready to call Daniel and I don't know how much he'll remember about what happened

Mickey: Oh he'll, he'll remember a ton

Det. Diskin: Oh does he? Okay

Mickey: Yea

Det. Diskin: Okay, what we're doing; we're, you know, I think you've talked to some of the civil attorneys. My job is completely different. We're looking at uh criminal charges, uh, possibly negligent homicide uh. Anything that, that we talk about, I'd rather you not uhm talk to the news media about what we talk about just cause

Mickey: Okay

Det. Diskin: I don't want to taint the uh possible jury pool

Mickey: Mmm Hmm

Det. Diskin: And that's, you know, that's one of the first things that the defense attorney's say is that you tried to, tried to try this case in public before you filed charges.

Mickey: Yea

Det. Diskin: We're trying to avoid that. Uhm, but I just kinda; when did you first get involved with James Ray?

Mickey: Uh, January of 2004.

Det. Diskin: Okay. And how did you learn about James Ray?

Mickey: Uh he was; I was referred to him by a friend of mine.

Det. Diskin: Okay. All right. And what, what was your; did you work for him?

Mickey: Uh I was a uhm, well I had a contract as a coach so I coached on the side for him so basically I could go to events and he would promote coaching and then if people sign up for it then they would be assigned to me.

Det. Diskin: Okay. And was that similar to what the Dream Team does?

Mickey: Uh no, that's different

Det. Diskin: Okay

Mickey: Yea. I would go as a Dream Team member but I had a title as a coach as well.

Det. Diskin: Okay

Mickey: Yea

Det. Diskin: And what did you do as a coach?

Mickey: I was a head coach basically; they would fill out like an 18 page questionnaire asking them certain questions and then we'd go through it and then I would coach based upon how they answered the questionnaire.

Det. Diskin: Okay

Mickey: If they wanted to lose weight, if they want, or a better relationship, whatever it was

Det. Diskin: Okay, gotcha. And uhm had you attended his sweat lodges?

Mickey: Yes

Det. Diskin: Which, which ones did you attend?

Mickey: 2005

Det. Diskin: Okay. Is that the only one that you attended?

Mickey: Yes. I would never step foot in another one with that guy.

Det. Diskin: Okay. We've talked to you know different people from 2005 that went, you probably know all of them that we've talked to. Uhm, what do you remember from that event?

Mickey: Well I stepped out after the sixth round and I remember getting out because I was like man this is crazy, I've had enough of this. I got out, my parents were still in there and I recovered. Uhm, and as I was recovering the Native Americans who were tending the fire said that guy's crazy. And I said what do you mean? They go we never do more than twenty stones and he's over sixty and I was like really? And they said yea and as he, they were in there for about another twenty five plus minutes and as they were in there people started to freak out. They wanted, they're like we want out of here and he's like "No, you need to sit down!" And uhm I was like are you serious? And finally people came out and they were just hitting the ground and I'm spraying them off with a hose and uh and then when Daniel came out he had uh thought he was a karate guy and was throwing, you know trying to kick everybody and was going crazy and then he ended up blacking out and he wasn't in his right mind so I believe the owners of Angel Valley Ranch called 911, got him out of the paramedics there and they took him to the hospital and they were taking blood from him thinking he was on drugs. And you know to see what was going on and obviously he wasn't and so then he came back around 4:30 in the morning, somewhere around there.

Det. Diskin: Okay. And what do you remember about when you first noticed that there was a, there was a problem? It's interesting that you say that he was, he was punching and kicking cause we've had other people say that, some people say that they didn't know anything about that so we weren't sure if that was the right year for that. Uhm

Mickey: Yea

Det. Diskin: but, but uh, that kinda makes sense now. We thought that maybe that there was another year where somebody came out and was punching and kicking but that must have been 2005.

Mickey: No that was 2005. Yea, I remember it clear as day and I will tell you the reason that you have such difficult time is because in a ceremony of that nature uh you lose your consciousness so for you to uhm recall a lot of things is very difficult and that's why when people get distressed and then they black out you would never know.

Det. Diskin: Right. Okay. And I wanna, can I get specific with who was doing what and what was said uhm when you noticed there was a problem with Daniel, uhm who was helping him?

Mickey: Uh his wife, uh myself, uhhh nobody from his staff

Det. Diskin: Okay. Did you hear anybody say you know we need to call 911?

Mickey: Yes

Det. Diskin: Okay, tell me about that

Mickey: Uh his wife uhm and you know they didn't; his whole staff just stood there. Uhm I, yea nobody did anything and then Almayra I believe from Angel Valley Ranch came up and she's the one I believe who made the phone call and then James went ballistic on her.

Det. Diskin: Okay, explain that

Mickey: Uh he's like, this is, this is my business, this is not your business, you need to get out of here. And I remember him screaming at her

Det. Diskin: And what was that for? I mean what

Mickey: Because she was questioning him like you know what is this? What's going on around here, this is crazy.

Det. Diskin: Okay and who actually called 911?

Mickey: I, I'm not exactly sure, I thought it was them

Det. Diskin: Okay

Mickey: Because we wouldn't have any, I don't believe we had really good cell service out there

Det. Diskin: Okay when you say them, you think it was Almayra?

Mickey: I believe so, yea

Det. Diskin: Okay. And when people were saying uh you know somebody needs to call 911, did anybody tell them not to call 911?

Mickey: I think there was a lot of confusion and chaos, I'm not exactly sure if people were saying no

Det. Diskin: Okay and uh what was James Ray doing while this was going on?

Mickey: Uh James Ray was uh, he went back to his cabin

Det. Diskin: Was James still there when the paramedics got there?

Mickey: No

Det. Diskin: So he left before the paramedics got there?

Mickey: Yes

Det. Diskin: Okay. Okay. And did anybody talk to James uhm about what was going on or express concerns to him?

Mickey: Uh yes.

Det. Diskin: Okay, tell me about that

Mickey: Well people were going up to him like you know upset about it and he was just in a blank stare. He didn't say anything.

Det. Diskin: What exactly were people saying?

Mickey: Uh, you know I don't know if I can tell you that

Det. Diskin: Okay

Mickey: I wish I could but

Det. Diskin: What was kinda the nature of the, the conversation? For instance, you know were people saying hey, you know, that was really bad; or we should do things differently or, or, I mean kinda what was being said?

Mickey: Uhm yea I mean there was like I know for example did you talk to a guy named David or Roxanne?

Det. Diskin: Let me see. Yea and, and you know, I've heard some stuff from other interviews

Mickey: Mmm Hmm

Det. Diskin: Uhm but I don't want to like influence your recollection

Mickey: Yea he went, he went, he went ballistic on him, like directly

Det. Diskin: Uhm David Duhane?

Mickey: Yes

Det. Diskin: Yes, I did talk to him

Mickey: Yes, he went ballistic on him and so did I. I let him have it and I don't particularly know what I said. I just said I thought it was bullshit that he had no staff outside to protect anybody to make sure that he's, excuse me, of a sane mind and what the hell they doing putting our family at risk and he just looked at me like who are you?

Det. Diskin: Okay. So you said he just kinda had like a blank stare on his face?

Mickey: Yea like you know; well and see he's been, he's in the ceremony so you know his, you're, you're in a different space, it takes you awhile to kinda get your cognition back.

Det. Diskin: Okay. All right. And then at that point uhm what happened after that? Did you, (Inaudible) assist with his seminars?

Mickey: Well yea after that I uh, I had, you see the thing with James is you pay for a bunch up front so I had that one paid for and I had two more paid for so I went to one more event of the participant and I was a coach so I was kinda in a rock and a hard spot if you know what I'm saying

Det. Diskin: Okay

Mickey: Uhm and then I uhm, then I decided that you know I just started to watch and I started, as I was studying more and more on my own I saw thepsychological coersional

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