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Interview of Spiritual Warrior: Oct. 23, 2009

Participant: Lynette Wachterhauser

From a set of 30 questions from detectives.

1.) How did you learn about James Ray?

At a free seminar Ray conducted about 2 years ago in [REDACTED].

2.) How many James Ray events or seminars have you attended?

Four including Spiritual Warrior; Quantum Leap; Practical Mysticism; and one other.

3.) Have you ever been in a sauna or sweat lodge before and if so, how was it different? No, but she knew about both from reading.

4.) Did you hear anyone talk or make assurances that personnel conducting or building the sweat lodge were specifically trained or experts?

Only that Ray said he had done sweat lodges for years.

5.) Did you feel prior to going inside the sweat lodge that it was safe?

Why?

Lynette suffers from hypertension (high blood pressure) and was anxious about that, going in. Prior to going into the sweat lodge she did ask RAY if the sweat lodge would raise her BP. RAY said the sweat lodge would raise her blood pressure. In spite of that, she still felt safe.

6.) What was your position in the sweat lodge? Who was on your right, left, behind and in front of you? Did you move to different areas of the tent while inside?

Lynette was on the inner row east side-she was a couple of feet from the fire and on her left was Bev. She doesn't know who else was around her.

7.) How long did you stay inside?

Lynette remained inside for 2 rounds, when a voice inside her told her to leave.

8.) What did you eat in the days prior to the sweat lodge? What quantity of liquids did you drink?

Lynette started to fast (no food or drink her decision) from late Tues. (6:p.m.) to Thurs while in the desert. She had no desire to have food. When she returned from the desert on Thurs., she had a light breakfast sometime around 7:a.m. On Thurs, she drank several bottles of water before going into the sweat lodge sometime after 2:30 p.m.

9.) Did you know what to expect for the vision quest?

Yes, from past experiences (at other Ray events).

10.) Did you know what to expect from the sweat lodge?

Yes, from friends and from reading about it.

11.) What was discussed for safety procedures if there was a problem inside the sweat lodge?

No.

12.) Did anyone tell you what to expect inside the sweat lodge and how to respond to any reactions you might have? How long did you stay inside? How did you feel?

No. She remained inside only 2 rounds. She was anxious, but also excited. She had an upset stomach, but that could happen anytime.

13.) Did anyone speak during the ceremony?

RAY chanted, spoke, did a round chant as a group, but she could not repeat the chant now.

14.) Who, what were they saying?

She recognized the chant, but doesn't know what it means.

15.) Did anyone leave the lodge other than through the door? Lynette says John dug himself out the back of the tent. As far as she knew besides John, Carl and his wife and another person, whom Lynette thought was from Taiwan, also left after the first round.

Lynette says the Dream Team (RAY's staff) was stationed around the outside of the sweat lodge, spraying people who left the sweat lodge with water, offering them water to drink and watermelon to eat.

16.) Did you hear anyone say they were having problems? If so, what was said?

How was it reacted to? Barbara yelled out and asked if the back flaps of the sweat lodge could be opened and RAY said no.

17.) Did you fill out any medical forms or were you asked about any health issues?

NO. And it was never asked at other events either.

18.) What, if any, symptoms did you have while in the sweat lodge or afterwards?

Lynette had an upset stomach and voice inside her to telling her to leave.

19.) Do you remember anyone saying something about a flashlight? If so, what?

RAY told whoever had the flashlight, to turn it off. Lynette said to herself, nobody has a flashlight. She said she knew that John had lifted the flap of the tent to leave and RAY must have thought that was a flashlight.

20.) Was there anyone inside when you left? If so, what did you see? Did you notice anyone in distress? If so, who did you tell? What did they do?

Yes, there were people left inside when she left, but she doesn't know how many. No, she did not know anyone was in distress. Randy was behind Lynette when she came out, but she was in such an altered state, she wasn't fully aware of what or who was around her.

21.) Did you hear anyone say they were having a heart attack and thought they were going to die?

Yes, once outside, she heard Dennis screaming, saying he was having a heart attack and that he had to live for his children. The Dream Team appeared to be handling him including Lisa, a nurse on the Dream Team.

22.) Did you hear anyone say something like it is a good day to die? NO.

23.) How did James Ray react or respond to the people who were in distress?

Do you feel he should have responded any differently?

Lynette thinks that Ray and the Dream Team didn't realize how bad things were.

Amy was outside puking when RAY was also outside. Lynette tried to go to Amy to help her, but RAY told Lynette to leave her alone. Many people who came out of the sweat lodge were puking, including John, Randy, Dennis, and Amy was unconscious a long time and puking as well.

24.) How did you feel about leaving the sweat lodge during the ceremony?

Lynette wanted to stay for round 3, but her body said no.

25.) Is there a reason you didn't leave sooner?

Lynette wanted the experience and wanted to stay.

26.) Was anyone discouraged from helping anyone in distress and if so how?

Lynette said she was told initially not to help anyone, then everyone was running around trying to help.

27.) When did you first realize something was wrong, that there was a problem?

After she left the sweat lodge, she was very cold (night had set in and she had only a few clothes on.) She took a quick shower; got dressed, and when she came out, she saw the helicopters and first responders and knew something was wrong. A total of about 15 minutes after she left the sweat lodge.

28.) What do you think happened? What was your response?

Lynette has no idea of what happened, but to her it was a good experience. It was horrible that people died.

29.) Has anyone talked to you about what to say if questioned by law enforcement? If yes, who was it? Who were they associated with? No.

30.) Did James Ray or anyone else tell you what his qualifications for running a sweat lodge were? If so, what did they say?

RAY said that he was a shaman. Lynette knew that was a spiritual leader of Indians.

RAY said he had trained in Machu Pichu, Peru with the Indians there. She said RAY always states his background in all the seminars she attended. Lynette said all attendees signed waivers that stated "death might occur."

Lynette said she did not suffer as others did at this event. She would do a sweat lodge again.

Lynette also said all the first responders were wonderful and were helping all the participants.

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