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On 10-08-09 after booking a subject into the Verde Jail I picked up radio traffic indicating that Deputy Sutton was responding to an injured person call in Sedona. I then heard radio traffic that there were numerous subjects down and that medical was airlifting subjects from the scene. I contacted the Verde patrol units and told them to respond code three, render aid, and secure the scene. I then advised dispatch that I would be responding to the scene too and made arrangements for the Mayer area to cover calls if necessary.

I arrived at approximately 1810 hours and observed numerous subjects being aided by EMS around a large sweatlodge. There were several subjects wearing blue t-shirts, later identified as the "dream team" helping the subjects who were sick.

I started speaking to some of the subjects that were coherent and found out that they had been in a sweatlodge and several of them became ill. As I was speaking with the subjects some of the "dream team" insisted that I did not speak to the participants but wanted me to speak with Jason, James Ray's assistant. As I was speaking with some subjects Jason approached me and told me that he could answer my questions. I asked him who was in charge of this event and he told me James Ray. When I asked him where James was he told me that he was up at the main building eating dinner. I thought this was interesting since EMS was airlifting and transporting subjects at this time.

I then attempted to speak with Lt. Parkison to brief him of the situation but cell phone coverage was spotty. I did advise him that we needed follow up at the hospital in Cottonwood to try to ascertain what happened in the sweatlodge.

I then sent Deputies to the lodge to check on the welfare of the other subjects who had left the sweatlodge area. More victims were located and transported to the hospital.

After I was advised that two subjects had died I requested that Criminal Investigations respond to investigate the matter.

While waiting for the investigators I spoke with James Ray. James told me that he was conducting a seminar and was in the sweatlodge. I asked him who was conducting the sweatlodge and he told me Ted. I then asked him how many people were in the sweatlodge and he told me that there were around 40. James told me that the sweatlodge ceremony had lasted for approximately two hours and that he had been inside the sweatlodge the entire time. I had James stay down at by the sweatlodge to speak with investigators, eventually he sat in my car to wait with my door unlatched. At 2022 hours Lt. Parkinson told me that James had spoken with his attorney and that his attorney advised him not to give a statement.

I then spoke with Fawn who works at Angel Valley. She told me that she helps facilitate events with the owners and works for them. Fawn told me that the sweatlodge ceremony started at around 4:00 PM and ended at approximately 6:00 PM. She said that the sweatlodge on their property had been used before and that there were never any problems. Fawn stated that James did 7 runs of rocks where he would bring in rocks and pour water on them to make steam. Between the runs James would open the door to let air in and to let people leave if they wanted to. During one of the breaks one subject was so disoriented that he crawled into the hot rocks burning his arm.

Fawn told me that she thought that seven runs were an excessive time to be inside of a sweatlodge. She told me that she has participated in sweatlodge ceremonies and stated that normally they would only do four runs.

I then asked her who conducted the ceremony and she told me that it was James Ray. Each run coincided with one of the principals of the seminar. I asked her what Ted's involvement was and she told me that he had heated the stones and brought them in at James' direction. She also said that Ted was responsible for constructing the sweatlodge.

The conversations with James and Fawn were recorded with my digital recorder but I was unable to download these due to a malfunction with the recorder.

This concludes my involvement in this matter.