

*I/V w Lou Caci, Det. S. Surak #5742

On 10/08/09 I interviewed Lou Caci who had been injured in the event and was at the Verde Valley Medical Center. Caci was located in the I.C.U. area of V.V.M.C. Caci advised me that he had attended several of James Ray's events and that this was not the first time he had been involved in a Sweat Lodge. Caci advised me that he had done another sweat lodge with Ray back in 2003. When asked how this one differed, Caci stated that it was a lot hotter than the last sweat lodge he had done with Ray in 2003. Caci told me about how they are taught that they would be in an altered state of mind while in the "sweat lodge". Caci also told me about how the "sweat lodge" works and how they had 7 little bags of tobacco that they were given. They would hang them up in each session as an intention for what they wanted to do in their life. I asked him to sign a release of medical form so that we could get his medical information regarding the treatment he received while at the hospital. Caci signed the form without incident.

On 10/12/09 I contacted Caci again by phone and I asked how he was injured he stated that he had gotten so hot that he was "delirious" and was trying to get out of the lodge and put his hand into the hot rocks in the middle of the lodge. He said he didn't even realize what he had done until he did it and as soon as he did he was able to get out of the lodge. Caci also stated that he had come out at about round 4 or 5 and went back in for the last round. Caci said that he observed what he called a large woman unconscious and advised Ray and nothing was done. Caci stated that he and another person at the end of the last round pulled this woman from the Lodge. Caci advised me that he felt James Ray could have conducted the "sweat lodge" better than he did and that there should have been doctors and nurses on scene to assist in case of emergencies.

On 10/08/09 I then assisted Sgt. T. Boelts with filling out a yellow card on Kirby Brown a deceased white female that had come from the Angel Valley Retreat. Sgt Boelts advised me to contact dispatch and have them patch me in to the Medical Examiners office and advise them of what we had. I also had dispatch contact APT for the transport of the 2 decedents. I spoke with Cindy with the M.E.'s office and advised her of what we had and advised that we would attempt to get more information as we got it. Once this was done, Sgt. Boelts asked me to go to the Angel Valley Retreat to assist with interviews at that location.

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