

\*I/V w Elaine Cerro, Det. S. Surak #5742,

On 10/09/09 I interviewed Elaine Cerro at the Angel Valley Retreat, and asked her if she had arrived at the retreat on 10/03/09. I asked her if she had been to or been involved with anything similar to this in the past. Cerro stated that she had attended other James Ray events, but this was the first time she had been involved in a "Sweat Lodge". Cerro stated it was not what she expected; she thought that this event would help her open up more psychically. Cerro stated that she found out that this was a retreat for people to express the bad things in their lives and get rid of the "baggage". Cerro stated that she did participate in the "vision quest". She stated that when they got back from the "vision quest" they gave them breakfast, but would not give them lunch and told them that it was because of how hot it was going to be in the lodge and that they may vomit. She said that during the "sweat lodge", she did not remember who she heard it from or what she heard it from, but someone told her they were done so she crawled out of the lodge. When she got outside she did not see anyone and found out later she had only been through half of it. Cerro stated there was a woman next to her who kept check on people around her to make sure they were okay. Cerro stated that she thinks if this was a procedure they were told they should do that, it would have gone a lot better. Cerro stated that she feels there should have been or should be some sort of warning that if you have a heart problem or high blood pressure and don't feel right to leave. Cerro stated that she believes it was a couple of things that had gone wrong. She stated that because they were out in the desert for 2 days, with no food or water, and that she had thought that usually a "sweat lodge" has 4 exits and this only had one. Cerro thinks it was all done with good intentions, but it went terribly wrong.

End of interview

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