

\*I/V Sarah Mercer 10-09-09 Surak #5742,

On 10/09/09 I interviewed Sarah Mercer 17 years of age near the sweat lodge while waiting for the search warrant to be signed. I asked if she had participated in the event and she stated that she was outside of the Sweat lodge assisting people as they came out of the lodge by putting cool water on them and providing drinking water and electrolytes. Sarah stated that she was never inside of the lodge and she stated that toward the end of the ceremony someone had said that there were people that were unconscious in the lodge. Sarah said that they told James Ray that and he said "good, good". Sarah stated that when they asked Ray if they should get the unconscious people out of the lodge he stated "no they will be fine; we only have one more round".

Sarah went on to say that at the end, once everyone was out of the lodge, her mother looked into the lodge and saw three people still in the lodge and they appeared to be unconscious. Her mother asked for help to get them out and no one responded, so Sarah and her mother went to the back of the sweat lodge and pulled the back of the lodge up and pulled the people out. Sarah stated that there were three people back there, one real big guy, that she remembers and that his lips were purple and blue and face was purple and blue. Sarah stated that there was a girl sitting next to the big guy and they were holding hands, but she was face down in the dirt, she stated she had to walk away after that.

I asked if it was James Ray that said it was good that people were unconscious and she stated, yes that he said it was a good thing and to just leave them in there for the last round, they would be fine.

I asked how long the rounds last and was told 15 minutes. Sarah went on to say that it was another 15 minutes after everyone was out to get to the people that were still in the lodge unconscious. Sarah could not remember anything else other than this was supposed to be a peaceful experience and it was not.

End of interview

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