

\*I/V Waters, Barbara and Jobe, Christine by C27 Poling at scene 10-08-2009:

At 11:37 hours in the YCSO Mobile Command Unit, I interviewed both Barbara Waters and Christine Jobe, both of whom are Dream Team Members of the James Ray Spiritual Warrior retreat. The interview was recorded on a digital recorder (DS330033.dss) and the following is a summary of the interview.

Do you know what happened in that sweat house (lodge) tonight?

We have no idea.

What did you see?

Christine said she saw people coming out of there (lodge) and then asked, "what do you mean did I see anything, be more specific what do you mean by seeing things?"

Tonight before they went in there (sweat lodge) was there something done like fasting or what happened. I have not been to one it's new to me.

Barbara said they had breakfast.

Christine said they had breakfast and they drank a lot of water, they did not have lunch because it would "upset your stomach" if you go in there (sweat lodge) with lunch.

Christine, so at 2:00 we were in there.

Barbara said, they had breakfast and told to drink lots of water.

Christine said, "hydrate, hydrate, hydrate"!

Christine said they ate Breakfast at 9:00.

As the group everyone does the same thing? Or is everyone going in different directions?

Christine said, "No, Everybody goes in there and has breakfast".

So, there is not different lectures or spiritual things going on in different areas? The group is the group (stays together)?

Barbara said, "The group is the group."

Ok, You ate and drank, were you fasting at all?

Both said NO (meaning themselves).

Not before this at all?

Christine said no, I just told you we had breakfast.

Barbara chimed in and said "not today".

I explained that someone said there was 24 hours of fasting and I did not know when that came about.

Barbara said, "there was 24 hours yesterday."

Christine said, "I did not fast!" "I can't tell you what the other people did. I really can't."

I explained that you two are ok but some people are not fine. You knew that right?

Christine said, Right. But I did not go into the sweat lodge. They did.

Barbara said, "We were volunteers outside".

So you did not go inside.?.

NO they both said they were not inside.

Have you ever done these sweat lodges before?

Christine said Yes.

Barbara said she did it last year. (2008)

What kinds of stuff (things) do they use on the rocks, is there herbs or spiritual type

Christine said, Water, that's all I know, water. There is big buckets of water sitting outside the door.

Barbara said they put the water on the rocks for steam.

Christine said, Like a sauna.

How many people were inside at one time?

Christine said "Today?"

The group was in there for a couple of hours from what I understood.

Barbara said, "They could come out" so they came out if they wanted to.

Is there a lot of praying, spiritual things inside.

Barbara said they did some chanting.

Everyone is on their own individual spiritual level aren't they?

Barbara said James led the chanting and they followed.

So a couple of hours sitting in there, chanting and the experience, was there anyone saying they could not breathe, it was hot or what? I don't know why these people are having a reaction to this. If it is just water, are they deprived oxygen because there is too many people in the room or not?

Barbara said "that we don't know".

You weren't in there.

Christine said when she had been in there and they put the water on the rocks you can breathe fine. Its warm, it's hot, but you can breath fine.

Barbara said "I was in there last year". (Barbara failed to tell me she had a reaction to the experience and needed to be tended to by staff members)

Christine said, "I've been twice, I've been in sweat lodges, twice".

Nothing like this ever happened like this before?

Christine said, "No, not at all"

Have you ever been to one James Ray put on?

Christine said, "Those were the two I've been to. To his.

Barbara said, "yes, I went last year."

Is it always here?

Christine said, Yes."

Are you two locals?

No.

Christine said she is from [REDACTED].

Barbara said she was from [REDACTED].

Is there anything you can tell us that would help us with understanding what happened tonight?

Christine said, "nothing, I cant think of anything, I was racking my brain trying to figure out There was a girl that she heard went to get checked who was only in there for a total of 3 rounds (sessions) maybe a half an hour and she went to the hospital so

Do they come and go, or do they stay in there for the full

Christine said, "No, no, they can come in and out".

Barbara said, "It's up to them, and we have a hose out there to cool them off; out on the side".

Christine said, "There is water there and Gatorade." That was our job when they came out to get them cooled off and give them water and a towel.

Barbara said orange slices or watermelon.

Did anyone know the two people that passed? (They were unaware of the people dying inside the sweat lodge.)

Christine and Barbara both said, We did not know they passed (died).

Christine said "Who has passed?"

I said I was sorry to say that and told them I did not know who they were. This was the only information I had and that is why we are here.

Christine was not told that anyone had died.

I explained that two had died and explained I did not know who they were. I was under the impression that they already had known.

Crying took place:

Nobody told them or knows.

Barbara said she did not even know if James knew.

That is why I'm asking questions about went on in there and could have caused this.

Barbara said, "there was nothing".

Christine said, "I have no idea that there was anything that we would have thought we would have told anybody that. They would have told the paramedics or anybody that was there. Those were our friends in there for Christ's sake".

I informed them there were 4 in critical condition but did people pass out when they came out of the lodge or fall down.

They both said, "YES!"

I heard that 20 people did and I don't know if that is true or not or an exaggeration. From what I understand everyone left except for the people inside, three remaining inside the lodge

Christine said, "What do you mean they left."

They left out of the sweat lodge and two people did not leave.

Christine said, "Bullshit"

Barbara said NO.

Both said that's not true.

Christine said, "the guy that sits at this end of the thing comes around and makes sure everyone is out of there and they help people come out, they don't leave nobody in there".

I am not kidding you when I told you about the two people; I am not pulling your chains at all. That is why I'm trying to figure out what, if something was in there that might have caused breathing problems or stuff like that.

Barbara said, "There was nothing any different (inaudible)

Christine crying harder:

Christine said, How come they are not telling anyone else, how can they sit there for so long and not know?

I don't know what's going on here, I came here that is what I understand, two people, James another kid in the truck and you two and there is a house full of people.

Barbara said, "The reason you have hostility because we told somebody to just go talk to the officials because of somebody

Christine said because we were assisting two people that needed our help and the police or whoever the person was talking to the woman, she told him to talk to James Ray or JRI crew we are just volunteers.

Barbara said, "that's why we're sitting here separated. Because she said (inaudible).

Christine said, "we stayed and helped everybody, made sure information went with them".

Unfortunately we are not getting the cooperation.

Christine said, "from who."

From the two you just told me, Josh and James.

Christine said, what you mean they are not cooperating?

They will not talk to me.

Barbara said, "There was nothing different from any other one that they have done. Nobody understands what went on.

I don't know how this got built, is this something that the company built.

Barbara said, "you would have to talk to them, we don't build it, it is part of the site and it is the site people".

That's what I'm trying to figure out if something was or the plastic.

Christine said, "We have no idea, we've come here to make sure that the people that went in there were taken care of. That sweat lodge was built by whoever built the sweat lodge; I can't tell you anything about that sweat lodge".

No odors or different types of

Christine, nothing any different than we did the last two years.

I am not trying to be mean, I just don't understand. I've never been to one and I don't know if there were plastics that were hot and let off a chemical smell who knows.

Christine, we weren't in there and it looked the same as it did twice before, oh my god.

I did not know that no one knew what happened till

Christine said, "James doesn't know what happened either?"

I don't know. James knows.

Christine, Oh my god.

Do we know the status on the other (talking to officers outside the interview)? 3 on ventilators in Flagstaff and two others were transported out in critical condition.

Christine said, "Oh my god what is going on here. Oh my god sobbing

Besides Josh and James is there anyone else that puts this together, I know there is volunteers and I believe the green is volunteers but the staff like Megan, is she around?

Barbara said, "we have been sitting out here for hours and we were separated".

Christine. We have no idea where anybody is, we've been camped out here.

Barbara said, "basically because we just said go talk to JRI; because we did not know".

Christine, "they did not even tell us who they were; they were just over there asking us a bunch of questions and we were trying to help our friends".

Do you remember who was here first, the fire department.

Christine, I have no idea.

Barbara said, "we were working with people and it was just, I don't know. We were working with them".

What do you mean were they passed out or just?

Barbara, we were just hosing them down or cooling them off that is what we do. (Barbara did not disclose she was doing CPR compressions on one of the victims).

I know it's a strange

Barbara, "nothing is different from last year" they did not do anything different than any other time, so I mean we cant tell you what happened we don't know.

The reason I'm asking these questions, the ME was it just heated up rocks.

Christine said, "they were old rocks, they call them grandfathers, they use them every year, they are just old rocks and thrown on the fire".

Barbara said they put them in there and put wood on top of them and they get them hot just like any other sweat lodge,

No herbs or anything.

Barbara said, "I don't know what if anything was there, we were outside.

I know I may be asking questions you might not know, but I don't know these questions and what was going on.

Christine said, "If there was anyone that could, they would know. We don't know. I wish I knew. I wish I could tell you this is what's making them sick, I have no idea".

I don't know who to ask. I have the two main people there James and Josh and I can't get them to cooperate. That is why I am asking you guys, and if you don't know that is fine.

Barbara said, "We don't know."

I'm not saying you don't. I'm just trying to understand what goes on. I don't know how these are built, or like I said they used stuff and that is fine, they use old rocks. I will collect the rocks and do my job.

Christine said, "Angel Valley is the ones that built the sweat lodge up, so talk to them about how they built that lodge and see if they did anything different from the last two years. The last two years everything was fine.

Unfortunately there are individuals that are not cooperating and what I'm trying

Christine said, "What about Angel Valley, are they talking to you, they built the sweat lodge".

I have 30 people out there trying to find out. I have only spoken to four people that is all I can do. Everyone else is in a different direction.

Barbara said, "Angel Valley built the lodge, I believe that is what we think beyond that".

I'm not saying anything is wrong with what they built. Something inside went wrong.

Christine: exactly

And that is why, if there is people in critical condition, if I knew there was something different I could tell them what to look for. That is why we are asking questions.

I gave you information that obviously no one else knows. There is a whole group of people up there so I don't want to cause panic.

Barbara said she did not know if anyone else knows what happened. They had been sitting down there for

End of Conversation 11:55 hours.

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