

*I/V Linnette Veguilla 10-12-09 Surak #5742,

On 10/12/09 I contacted Veguilla by phone; the following is a transcript of that phone call.

LV= Linnette Veguilla

DS= Detective Surak

LV: Hello

DS: Hello Linnette?

LV: Yes

DS: Hi, my name is Steve Surak I'm a Detective with the Yavapai County Sheriff's Office in Prescott Arizona, how are you?

LV: Good thanks

DS: The reason why I'm calling is because of, uhm, what occurred out at the Angel Valley Ranch last week and I was wondering if you'd be willing to answer a few more questions for me.

LV: Sure

DS: Okay, uhm, First of all can I get your birth date?

LV: [REDACTED]

DS: (whispering) 74, Did you talk with me or, uhm Detective Parkinson Thursday Evening?

LV: uhm, could be possible, I talked to a, uh, a police officer, uh, I don't know, I don't know if you were one of them.

DS: When you were in the

LV: inaudible (0:01:12)

DS: uhm, what is that called

LV: I was in the hospital.

DS: Oh, you were in the hospital, okay.

LV: Yeah

DS: Okay, so it probably wouldn't have been me because I only talked to one person there. Alrighty (cough), I have a few questions for you, uhm, don't mean to bother you, uhm, how did you learn about James Ray?

LV: Uhm, I've been going to his seminars for about a year, year and a half.

DS: Okay, How many James Ray events or seminars have you attended?

LV: uhm, Well, all of them

DS: All of them?

LV: Yes, almost all of them

DS: Do you how many that is?

LV: uh, Let me see, (mumbling)

DS: Hello?

LV: I'm counting, haha

DS: That's okay thought I lost you

LV: No no, I'm just, I know it's like 5 or 6

DS: okay, have you ever been in a sauna or sweat lodge before and if so, how was it different?

LV: In a sauna yes, in a sweat lodge never

DS: How was it different than a sauna?

LV: It was hotter

DS It was hotter?

LV: Yes

DS: Did you hear anyone talking or make assurances that personnel conducting or building the sweat lodge were specifically trained experts?

LV: uhm, I have no idea, I know they've been doing it for like 4 or 5 years or something like that

DS: Okay

LV: and I guess they always have the same person

DS: Mhmmm, Did you feel prior to going inside the sweat lodge that you were safe?

LV: If I what, If I wasn't safe?

DS: No I asked, did you feel prior to going inside the sweat lodge that it was safe

LV: uhh, yeah I thought so, haha, yeah we trust, we trust James Ray a lot, you know (inaudible) been doing this for a long time, so

DS: Okay

LV: you know

DS: uhm, what was your position in the sweat lodge?

LV: Uhh, I was, oh, I was at the back, uhm when, like, in the entrance on the left side.

DS: okay, were you in the middle on the left, were you more towards, uhm the far

LV: Yeah more to the left.

DS: Okay, uhm, who was on your right, left, behind and in front of you, or do you know?

LV: I don't know their names, I know their faces, but I don't know their names.

DS: Okay, did you

LV: but I know were good cause I saw them outside after, after

DS: Okay

LV: so when we finished I saw them outside after that so they were okay

DS: Did you move to different areas of the tent while you were inside?

LV: No, no I always sit in the same, in the same place

DS: How long did you stay inside?...

LV: I might have been back and forth, but not like side to side

DS: Oh okay, How long did you stay in?

LV: The time, but I'm not sure, but I stayed like 5 rounds, 4 or 5 rounds, I'm not sure

DS: Yeah

LV: about average

DS: What did you eat in the days prior to the sweat lodge?

LV: Uh just, we had just like fish

DS: Okay, uhm, what quantity of liquids did you drink?

LV: A lot

DS: Yeah

LV: Yeah, Yeah they were always, they were always, he was always saying, drink a lot of water, drink a lot of water, and in the morning we had uh, uh teaspoon of salt, sea salt so to keep our bodies hydrate for, for that

DS: That's good, did you know what to expect from the vision quest?

LV: uhh, the vis, well we didn't, I didn't have any idea, I know that he said, they said in the papers and I'm pretty sure it says about that, but I didn't, I didn't know what a normal vision quest so, uhm, you know I was ready for what ever, hehe.

DS: Okay, did you know what to expect from the sweat lodge?

LV: Uhh, not really

DS: No? What was discussed for safety procedures if there was any problem inside the sweat lodge?

LV: There was no discussion about none

DS: There wasn't?

LV: No

DS: Did anyone tell you what to expect in the sweat lodge and how to respond to any reactions you might have?

LV: No

DS: No? And you said, how long did you stay inside, I'm sorry

LV: like 5 rounds, I guess (inaudible) 0:07:05

DS: Okay

LV: Maybe 15 or 10 minutes every round, so it was like an hour, hour and a half

DS: There was, There was seven rounds, right? Or am I wrong?

LV: Yes

DS: All right, how did you feel when you came out? Or inside?

LV: uhm, Dizzy and (inaudible 0:07:26) disoriented

DS: Okay, did anyone speak during the ceremony?

LV: hmmm

DS: Did anyone speak during the ceremony?

LV: uhh, speak like why?

DS: Just anyone in particular talk or say anything while you were in the sweat lodge?

LV: (inaudible 0:07:50)

DS: Yes

LV: Uhhh talking uhm, I don't know we were always just, saying you know be strong you can do this, you know things like that, but pretty sure you know like you can do this and then, but uhm, that was it

DS: Did

LV: (inaudible 0:08:13)

DS: Okay, did anyone leave the lodge other than through the door?

LV: uhh, out though through the door?

DS: Yes

LV: I think somebody, I'm not sure, I didn't see anyone, somebody said that somebody got out of the back, and he pulled the, the, the thing up and he went outside.

DS: Uh hu

LV: and I don't know, and I think I couldn't remember who he is

DS: Okay, did you hear anyone say they were having problems?

LV: I couldn't hear, I know somebody was, it was uhm, it was one of the girl that was hyperventilating and, and, and then I learned after you know when, when I wasn't there

DS: Mmhm

LV: I then heard that, I don't know you know if I was after I left

DS: Okay, How was if reacted to?

LV: How was what?

DS: How was it reacted to?

LV: Oh

DS: Do you know how, how they reacted to that?

LV: I have no idea

DS: Okay

LV: Because, because I was, I wasn't, I wasn't there I don't Know, when I was there

DS: uh hu

LV: uhm, I just saw this guy that he burned his, his hand because he turned around and he touched the rocks

DS: uh hu

LV: and, and uhm and but (inaudible 0:09:46) and that's because I wasn't feeling well

DS: Okay

LV: and, and I left after the, the, but I don't know what happen after I left

DS: Okay, did you fill out any medical forms or were you asked about any questions about your health?

LV: Uhh

DS: Excuse me

LV: No

DS: No, what if any symptoms did you have while in the sweat lodge or afterwards?

LV: What symptoms?

DS: Yeah

LV: Or when I came out, uhm, I was like disoriented and, and uh I was (inaudible 0:10:33) and I couldn't, I couldn't stand up strait after you know, for a while, and then, then I had a headache

DS: Okay

LV: and was a little weak, but, no, no major symptoms.

DS: Do you remember anyone saying anything about a flashlight?

LV: No

DS: No

LV: No

DS: Was there anyone inside when you left?

LV: Yes

DS: Okay, what did you see on your way out, did you see anyone in distress?

LV: uh, No I was just so, uhm, I was trying to get to the door that I didn't even, I couldn't even look at anybody, I just wanted to get out, hehe.

DS: Okay

LV: So, you know like I didn't look at anybody really.

DS: Don't blame you

LV: (Inaudible 0:11:41)

DS: Did you hear anyone say they were having a heart attack and thought they were going to die?

LV: When I was out, inside?

DS: Yeah

LV: No, I, I, know after that somebody said that somebody was having a heart attack or weren't breathing or nobody was out there was out and they were carrying the people out of there.

DS: Okay, and did that, how was that handled?

LV: I know there was people who CPR who was giving CPR to the people

DS: Okay

LV: and uhm, and then they called the 911 to get help

DS: umm hmm

LV: And, that's it

DS: Okay, did you hear anyone say anything like it's a good day to die?

LV: uhm, no I don't remember

DS: No? Okay, how did James Ray react or respond to the people who were in distress?

LV: Uh, I remember he was inside also so, I don't know how well he was to react, you know, he was inside the whole time.

DS: Yeah, what about after?

LV: I know they had, I know that people outside were ready too, too put, too uhm, put water to the people getting out, and getting people out, you know they had his staff that was outside helping the people so, uh you know, I, I guess, you know he was, I don't know. He was walking around and trying to, to talk to people, but that's it I think, I don't think he was, he was that in his, I think he was like us. He he, you know I don't know if he was.

DS: Yeah

LV: (inaudible 0:13:59)

DS: Umm Hmm, Do you feel he should have responded any differently?

LV: Uhm, I don't know what I, I, I don't know I think. He he

DS: Okay, How do you feel

LV: because I thought I didn't know anything so I thought everything was suppose to be like that.

DS: Oh, okay

LV: you know he's, he, he's, he's totally in the lodge the whole time, he, he, he bought that himself all the time, so anything that happened, I thought it was normal, you know and I thought that it had happened before so my only reaction was, I think this is normal. (inaudible 0:14:44)

DS: How did you feel about leaving the sweat lodge during the ceremony?

LV: Uhh, well good to be alive, I guess, but uhm, I felt a little bit bad, you know because I wanted to finish, but I wasn't feeling good so

DS: Yeah

LV: I said I'm not going to risk my life for that.

DS: Is there a reason you didn't leave sooner?

LV: Uhhh, because I wanted too, I, I wanted that to mean something, to do something to, I don't know I guess, I know want to challenge myself.

DS: uh hu, Okay, was anyone discouraged from helping anyone in distress and if so how?

LV: Uhh, I can, you know like, I know like people were encouraging people to, to do it and, and yes you can do this, and, but uhh, I don't recall, you know, I know one of the girls that, that she was asking for, for help from another person and nobody did anything.

DS: Hmm

LV: But, I wasn't there, I wasn't there when that happened, I know I heard after, that she say you know I was, I sat with her she was like hyperventilating and nobody help me, but because I wasn't there I can not tell you if it was true or not.

DS: Oh okay

LV: you know

DS: When did you first realize something was wrong, that there was a problem?

LV: When I saw the helicopters in the ambulance and I said, (inaudible 0:16:35) you know like (inaudible 0:16:38) and I saw the police, and I was like this is not right.

DS: What do you think happened?

LV: I don't think that it's anything (inaudible 0:17:04) for that they didn't know their bodies and, and, and they just stayed in there longer than they should have

DS: Uh hu

LV: Maybe they didn't drink enough water and they didn't take their salt in the morning it could have been so many things, that uhm you know, I don't know. Because some people would have been there the whole time and nothing happened to them and other people this happen so, you know it, it was something that uh, that anybody did, you know everybody would be the same way and, and there was people that stayed in there the whole time for like, like, like the people who died, maybe, maybe closer to the, to the, to the thing, I don't know.

DS: Uh hu

LV: Because I don't remember who was in, in, in, in where

DS: Uh hu

LV: (inaudible 0:18:09) they say that almost, that hap, happened they were closer to, to the steam.

DS: Okay, Has anyone talked to you about what to say if questioned by law enforcement?

LV: No

DS: No, all right, okay, do you have any questions for me ma'am?

LV: How is the people that were hurt, do you know? The people that were in the hospital?

DS: I think there's still one that is in, still in critical condition, I'm not sure about the other ones, I know that there's still one that's uhm

LV: Did anyone else die?

DS: I don't believe so.

LV: Okay

DS: uhm, but I know there was quite a lot of people hurt we're trying to sort things out over here.

LV: mmmhmm

DS: Alrighty, uhm well I don't know if you have anything to write on, but I could give you my name and my phone number and the report number and uhm, I don't know when the reports gonna be done, but when it is done you can request a copy and it will cost you a couple of bucks, but it should have probably all the information in it that we know once it's done.

LV: Okay, okay, yeah I have a pen and a paper

DS: Okay, my name is Steve Surak S-U-R-A-K

LV: Steve?

DS: Yes S-T-E-V-E-N

LV: Okay

DS: Surak S-U-R-A-K

LV: I'm sorry

DS: It's S-U-R-A-K

LV: S-U-R-A-K

DS: yes

LV: uh hu

DS: My phone number is area code [REDACTED]

LV: uh hu

DS: [REDACTED]

LV: uh hu

DS: [REDACTED]

LV: uh hu

DS: and the report number is 09 dash 040205

LV uh hu, it's 09 dash 040205

DS: yes ma'am

LV: Okay

DS: Alrighty?

LV: Thank you very much

DS: If you have any more information or want to tell us anything else go ahead and gives us a call and we'll, we'll talk to you

LV: okay

DS: Alrighty?

LV: Thank you

DS: Thank you

LV: Okay bye

DS: bye

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