

\*I/V Riemma, Angela 10.20/09 C23:

Interview by Detective Ross Diskin:

On 10/20/09 I talked to Angela Riemma. Angela was a participant at the 2008 Spiritual Warrior. Angela said the sweat lodge was the last activity. Angela has done several sweat lodges in the past (not with James Ray). Angela believed the sweat lodge would be a "piece of cake". Angela said this sweat lodge (Spiritual Warrior 2008) was hotter than others she has been to. Angela said in the other sweat lodges the participants would leave between rounds and get water and fresh air. Angela said some of the people at the Spiritual Warrior sweat lodge did not come out between rounds but Angela did. I asked Angela why people didn't come out between rounds. Angela said it was "suggested" that people stay inside because it would be more of a challenge. Angela said she was uncomfortable enough to make the decision to come out (between rounds). Angela stayed out the entire third round.

Angela said after the sweat lodge a lot of people were just laying around and getting hosed down. Angela said there were two women that she was with that were "a little out of it" and Angela later wondered why no one called anybody for help. Angela said the women were able to recover and went with the group to dinner. Angela said they went hiking the next day and these two women were "still in a little bit of a confused or kind of a brain fog state." Angela said, "We didn't seem too concerned about it at the time." Angela believed that if they would have said something at the time it would have prevented the 2009 incident.

Angela said at other sweat lodges she has been to there were 12 to 20 people. She said there were over 60 people in the 2008 sweat lodge but it was a bigger sweat lodge than she is used to.

After the sweat lodge, Angela talked to one of the Dream Team members or a JRI staff member (she wasn't sure). Angela expressed concern for her friend but was reassured by this staff member that her friend would be okay.

Angela said James Ray kept telling participants to hydrate during the week.

Angela said prior to the sweat lodge they did the Vision Quest which lasted for 2 days and they did not have food or water during this time.

I asked Angela if there was anything done or said during the sweat lodge to keep people from leaving. Angela said, "no". Angela explained that it was suggested prior to the sweat lodge that participants should stay inside because it would be more of a challenge and would help them overcome other challenges in their life. Angela said nothing was said inside the sweat lodge to keep people inside.

I asked if people having a difficult time after the sweat lodge should have received medical aid. Angela said that if she felt that way at the time she probably would have

forced the issue. Angela said this was something she has not seen before and she was concerned but "they pulled out of it by dinner". She said they would have probably summoned medical aid if the participants didn't "pull out of it" by dinner.

Angela has gone to other James Ray events and believes the purpose of his events is to be challenging for the participant. Angela did not believe the other events were dangerous.

Angela said her life has changed by learning from James Ray. Angela said she would contact "Susan" and "Chris" and have them contact me. They were the two women who had problems after the event in 2008.

Angela said a pregnant woman went through the sweat lodge but she seemed to be okay.

Angela did not know of other people being injured at other James Ray events.

Refer to audio recording for further.

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