

*Vision Quest information 10-28-09 Sgt D. Winslow C16:

On 10-28-2009 at appx 1030hrs, I went to the Angel Valley retreat with US Forest Service LE and Investigations Special Agent Lisa Lewman. She had called the week earlier with questions about the retreat and event, in regards to what might be taking place on Forest Service areas. I contacted the Hamiltons and advised of the possible questions involving the Forest Service and they stated they would show where events took place.

Upon arrival we were met by Amayra Hamilton and eventually Michael. Amayra asked if we wanted her to show where the locations of the "Vision Quest" participants would have been. Lisa said she would, and we spent most of the afternoon going to each location, which consisted of appx 51 sites.

All locations appeared to have been hand picked by Amayra and were nearly all in the Forest Service. All were under trees, well shaded and had sandy surfaces to lie down on. They apparently were to stay within a small type of circle under the tree. Some were near the creek but others were away from water. All were located in an attempt that no participant could see each other and that any lights from buildings would minimally be seen if at all. Amayra gave us a map of the sites which were numbered and set out in 5 groups. Attached were "General" directions for the facilitators of each team who were taking the groups out to the locations. A copy of the maps and directions were sent to Detective Diskin for information purposes.

While taking us to the sites, Amayra advised that she had been preparing sites and taking groups out since the start of the James Ray events. She stated that this year she found that the participants were not either taking water or getting water brought to them during their quest. She said in the past, the facilitators would bring water out to them at times. The last years she had not seen any water being taken out and thought that the participants had water in the packs that they took with them.

During this event, she was dropping off a female at one location that was nearly the farthest out in group 2 or 3. This female was very nervous and apparently from the city. She spoke with her and tried to get her to calm down by taking deep breaths and having a drink of water. The female told her that they were not aloud to bring water and she did not have any. Amayra said this was a big surprise to her and she later questioned the facilitators about it. Food, she stated, was not a big deal for the amount of time spent out at the sites, but she felt water was a necessity for these people.

At appx. 1430hrs I left Angel Valley. Lisa stayed to speak further with Amayra and deal with issues concerning the Forest Service.

At this time no further.

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