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On Saturday November 7, 2009 at 1400 hours I interviewed David Singing Bear at the Verde substation. The interview was audio recorded. The following is a summary of the interview. For the entire content see the transcripts or CD.

David is a member of the Cherokee Nation of North Carolina and has attended several universities. He is trained in traditional healing. He states he has trained to conduct sweat lodges and it took many years before he was trained well enough to conduct his own.

He states the only sweat lodge he has been associated with at Angel Valley occurred about 8 months to a year ago. He performed a sweat for the Light Arians (unsure of spelling) which was a group of women out of Tucson. He said the lodge was already constructed. He is unsure who constructed it although he believes an herbalist named Brian from Mexico constructed the frame. He does not know if it is the same lodge as James Ray used in October of 2009. He said he does not believe the lodge he performed the sweat in had any plastic as that is not what is supposed to be used. He said the lodge is to be made of canvass for breathing and blankets.

David said he has never met James Ray nor any of his staff. He does not know of any Native Americans that James Ray may have consulted with in regards to a sweat lodge. The last time he was at Angel Valley he believes was October 20, 2009. He and two grandmothers came out to Angel Valley to bless the area and to release the spirits. He said the two grandmothers were Native American elders that could feel the pain of what happened and took it upon themselves with their own money to fly out and perform this ceremony.

See transcript for complete interview.

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