

*I/V Morton Dave (Vendor for editing film for James Ray) C27

On October 20, 2009 at approximately 3:02 p.m. (PST) I conducted a telephonic interview with Dave Morton. Dave Morton previously sent the Yavapai County Sheriff's Office information that he had video footage of one of James Rays Seminars that he had in his possession due to his receipt of the property for editing. The following is a transcription of the conversation. Please refer to the audio recording for complete details.

Respondent: Some things that I have seen, it was kind of a very predictable kind of event. And the reason that I say that, is a lot of times the footage that I would get with these conferences, it would go late at night to where you would see him just you know demanding that people stay up even though they are about to pass out and things of that nature. And I know from most of the conference stuff that he does, they usually run videotape at almost every events that they do and I don't know if they were doing it that event, but I don't know if that's something that you are looking at or something that you thought to request from them.

Interviewer: Okay. And you caught me off guard and I wasn't ready to, I want to write down your name, can I get your name sir?

Respondent: Oh sure, my name is Dave Morton, M-O-R-T-O-N.

Interviewer: And a phone number to reach you back on?

Respondent: [REDACTED].

Interviewer: Okay.

Respondent: And I am in [REDACTED]

Interviewer: Okay, and near [REDACTED] area.

Respondent: Pardon.

Interviewer: You are near [REDACTED]

Respondent: Pretty close, I mean [REDACTED].

Interviewer: Okay, cool. All right Dave and so you did you work directly for him, I mean or just did .?

Respondent: See I mean I go way back, over the years the work that I have done with him is tapered off a last thing that I did for him was in '07 with an event that they had in Las Vegas where they were doing a similar type thing, it wasn't his lawyer, it wasn't their absence, I don't know it was in Las Vegas. But I mean it's just the same you know sleep deprivation you know because it's good for you and all of that kind of thing. And it just

at least wanted to make you aware of the fact that they use a videotape of all of these stuffs. I have footage that they shot at this one Vegas thing you know it's a multiple camera type thing that shows a lot of the way the participants are treated or what's requested of them, if you will. And I didn't know like I said if they had shot footage at this event or if you guys were aware of the fact that they videotape a tremendous amount of what they do.

Interviewer: Yeah and I heard that they do a lot of that videotaping, but I am not sure, did you work on, I mean were you, you know like an employee, were you filmed or were you participant?

Respondent: No, I was editing footage, in other words, I have done marketing consulting works for him, so I would get stuff in where I would edit it and turn it into products or get either audio or videotapes in and then I would edit that for actual content or to be able to create copy for him.

Interviewer: Did you ever attend any of his events or just viewing what he had on the video footage?

Respondent: No, it's just that I mean I worked in the speaking and meeting industries since '91 then do a lot of these kinds of things. I have seen a lot of different approaches to stuff. And it just struck me with things that he was doing that if I was a participant I would have left long before the end of the conference just the way that people were treated or it was kind of like my way or the highway situation. It's one of those where there is so much peer pressure to do something that people keep trying when they should stop. There was one sequence where people were trying to do you know break a board with a karate chop and you see these people slamming their hand and there is something time after time and then holding their wrist and crying in pain and still being told that keep trying that it's going to be worth it once you do it.

Interviewer: Okay, that's important part, they coach to keep trying aspect of it, even though they are hurt?

Respondent: Right, I mean I have footage of all of that stuff, stuff that I have a confidentiality agreement with my clients that it would seem to me that you know if it was subpoenaed that I wouldn't have an issue with them.

Interviewer: Right that I understand, is there any address for I could subpoena to if you are good with that?

Respondent: Yeah and again you might want to request from them all the different production companies that they worked with because they are bound to all have source footage, unedited raw stuff that's going to have everything on it, not all cleaned up and looking stinky knife.

Interviewer: Okay, do you have some of that raw stuff to it, if we were to subpoena it?

Respondent: I have the original footage multi-camera stuff that shows everything.

Interviewer: Okay, cool.

Respondent: Probably, I am trying to think there is probably 40 hours.

Interviewer: Okay, cool. All right, where would I send the subpoenaed to Dave?

Respondent: You would send it to [REDACTED]

Interviewer: Well I am sorry, [REDACTED]

Respondent: Correct. [REDACTED]

Interviewer: And this is your company then?

Respondent: This is my company.

Interviewer: Okay cool, all right. And so basically I have got what you are saying here that's going to, that would help out tremendously I am sure, I don't want to cause any problem between you and James Ray either.

Respondent: No, it's not going to create any issue, like I said over the years, I have done less and less work for him. I was developing the opinion kind of that I didn't want to be involved with him so much just simply because of the way he did treat people and I thought it was going way too far. I thought it was a way over the line.

Interviewer: Okay cool, I appreciate that. I appreciate you are calling in too that, that's going to help, not a lot of these people are calling in I think they are pre-paid followers.

Respondent: They are all followers. He should have been a minister, I mean that's the kind of persona that he have, that I mean I go way back to you know when he was just living as a sales person at AT&T and was putting together his first seminar program which was titled "The Awesome Power of People." So I helped him write a program and edit a program called The Science of Success and then as things went on and on, he got more and more bold with the kind of stuff that he was dealing as related to telling people what foods to eat and just really kind of you know everything was important that you have to do it exactly the way he said to do it. He talks about hikes that he took people on that you start thinking you know these people you know that they are about to die being out of breath and all of that and he would say no we are going to go up be here and we are going to do this and how wonderful it was on the other side that they challenged themselves and we are able to do that, but there has got to be just hundreds of hours of this footage with other companies that he has worked with.

Interviewer: Alright, I agree yeah and I believe that 100%, just because little what we have obtain so far, but we don't have anyone like you calling in, so that's that I appreciate that, cool.

Respondent: So I didn't call and soon I want to check to see if I still had the footage here and I do.

Interviewer: Okay, well great. I am going to send this to the case agent who is working in the case and I am sure he will do some follow up on it.

Respondent: Yeah and just to understand I mean this is his property that I happen to be in possession of and you know like I said if I get to subpoena to send something, I am going to honor that, but I just want you to know it's not material that I own, it does belong to him.

Interviewer: Okay I will word that properly then, okay. Dave I appreciate your phone call and I am sure that in case if we want to back in touch with you, you know with the subpoena or with them, you know whatever he has.

Respondent: Okay great.

Interviewer: Thank you Dave.

Respondent: My pleasure sir.

Interviewer: Have a good day.

Respondent: You too.

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