

*I/V Patrick O'Brian Transcript Det. S. Surak #C31

On 11/11/09 I contacted Patrick O'Brian by phone for an interview; the following is a transcript of that interview:

Respondent: Ted O'Brian (Inaudible 14:23).

Interviewer: Oh, Mr. O'Brian, I called you yesterday.

Respondent: Yes, you did.

Interviewer: All right, I just wanted make sure that I got in touch with you today, you said today would be the best day to get a hold of you.

Respondent: Yeah, I work for the government out in the middle of (Inaudible), so yeah. How did you find of personal calls certain (Inaudible).

Interviewer: Yeah, that, sorry for bothering you yesterday.

Respondent: Oh, that's all right.

Interviewer: That's the only number we had for you and we got the list from Angel Valley Ranch people, I guess they keep records of everybody that attended Spiritual Warrior conferences and stuff like that, so they have been pretty cooperative with us.

Respondent: Yeah, I think that the ranch itself, I know ranch is pretty nice place, I go there again even without James, that was very nice place to be.

Interviewer: Yeah, it's really nice place and I got to say when I was down there, but the reason why we are trying to get a hold of people that were at 2005 conferences that we are trying to cover all their base and we had a couple of people, a list that we had to check people with 2005 because there may have been an incident that occurred in 2005, so we are trying to get a hold of as many people as we can that attended.

Respondent: Well in 2005, that was the first year that he no longer had people before taking the courses in a specific order. A lot of people that were teammates knew each other because you know you had to take courses on a certain order which was you know limiting the size of the income. Ryan, Dan, they went to the hospital and others were pretty new and had been taken some of the other courses prior to this one. But the group was pretty, I mean everybody seems to get to know each other pretty well during that period, which you know to me makes a difference, now the group that you just get anywhere that's got the money you know I mean (Inaudible 17:27) they ever seen anybody before at one of the lower courses that's you know with two three layers.

Interviewer: How long did, and I keep going call it a conference, but I am not sure what the real reference to it is

Respondent: It's like how well, you know how you do you call it, it's a course in theme of all the courses that he offers you know as he has the Quantum Leap, the Practical Mysticism, Spiritual Warrior, and then Modern Magick. Of course they are the big one with the book Creating the Absolute Wealth, as far as this really hard to your attachment to money, your ability to you know deal with things on that level.

Interviewer: Okay.

Respondent: In 2005, we had 9 days, we spent a lot of more time in the early days working with, before he got famous on Oprah. And the 2006, which was in August, it was also about 9 days, there is an exact repeat of the 2005. And I do it you know it's quite (Inaudible 19:28) because I did all the courses in that one year period and I found Spiritual Warrior just to be a very effective place, what the _____ 19:44 green presented to, it works through lot of personal issues. And then both events were capped with the sweat lodge that was about 3 hours in duration because I am like, we were told that we will watch because you know when you are in the government and your are constantly monitoring things for them and documenting them, kind of one of those things then you know you want your everything down with and start you know that 20 years, if you just don't bring that habit.

Interviewer: Yeah. So you had been to all the other

Respondent: Well I went to the first one in '05, I had only been with James (Inaudible) and it was my third course. I have the only reason I jumped on the bandwagon is all the overtime and campaign, because that's the stuff, were canceled due to budget issue, so I said and I was free to do a lot of things, just able to more overtime and I had a lot of cruise vacations I had lined out, so I said, sure that's just me, and boom.

Interviewer: Okay. But you attended the rest or all of Mr. Rays courses?

Respondent: Every course in one year, yes.

Interviewer: Okay. You know at the Spiritual Warrior in 2005, I am not sure if in 2009 this year, you know I talked to one of persons that went to 2005 conference and they told me kind of sort of you know how things went, can you kind of explain to me how everything was done at the 2005 Spiritual Worker or Warrior conference to where like you arrived, was there like session or (Inaudible 22:08) or anything like that you know that kind of stuff that you did in preparing doing whatever.

Respondent: I am actually getting (Inaudible) for all the other sets.

Interviewer: Okay.

Respondent: The two of the (Inaudible 22:29) hopefully in session, so we were arrived the day before and I had everybody, Jeff who introduced me to James. We did a number of things together. And for the opening session, we just got into some basic stuff that we

are talking about the body, you know being inspired (Inaudible) certainly you know the roots of where it's inspired to, be in spirit where its enthusiasm is to be you know in god, you know the (Inaudible) from the sin, blah-blah-blah, seeing notes, that they introduce things like the powers of discipline and scope, knowing that the difference in chaos and stuff bring you know learning. Then the purpose that we were was to discover issues that were buried within things that we for whatever reason chose to own that were buried you know within effect of learning as grew up. And then big break for lunch then we got in watch some clips of The Last Samurai, Tom Cruise, you are familiar with the movie?

Interviewer: Yeah.

Respondent: The same like concept, and then I spent a lot of time on that one because the honor you know the whole lifestyle is important as far as being able to take your purpose you know what you see yourself to be and do it in an impeccable manner. And then we continue with these things for and always (Inaudible) there to that we got into you know struggling with the reason yourself having (Inaudible) are familiar of that.

Interviewer: No, I am not familiar what that is.

Respondent: Okay, Holosync is technology that (Inaudible) in Oregon, it came out of a study there started back in the 50s. And Harris when he was working with a group of scientists, they were knowing one of the benefits of sound waves in the human minds, and you know it looks some almost kind of (Inaudible) author of other books and things that were in there were being discussed. And Holosync technology puts frequency in one ear and a frequency in the other ear that it's huge (Inaudible) and difference in the tone helps calm the mind, so that you can go from your awaking stage that you normally operate in and descend into a delta mode, which would give you a calm, meditative awake, excuse me. And in this free stage, if you maintain your consciousness and this steep delta mode with practice you can skip the 13 years of the Buddhist monastery and you have very high level meditative works including how the body travels and so forth. And the other purpose of this is that it also allows you to confront things your emotions and so forth and deep-seated issues and bring them to the forefront for analysis you know basically you become your own shrink with the process that you called (Inaudible 28:19). And you tackle the demons you created that you know keep you from going forward. And most of that you know there were like 50 some of us and there were at least two-thirds women there, most of them combatting sexual assaults, abuse and so forth and some were adults. And some of them declared their freedom in the sweat lodge because of process that they worked through all those days, so it's a very effective campaign as far as you know attacking you know what you created that keeps you from you know again all what you can't be. But that's the advantage of you know to be able to state it's similar to an altered state that you could be in with drugs and other things which he doesn't allow and you know one of the other things that, what _____29:45 was not able to use the LSD, it had to revert back to an ancient Indian practice which is similar to hyper-ventilating where you breathe rapidly until you trans, you know your body loses all its connection basically and you know mostly I passed out because I was pretty conscious and stuff, but it opens you up and allows you to go off and you get a decent visual

whatever and then for however long it lasts or so forth and then you record it you know lot of it's eternal, but you know the whole thing between the same warrior you know the qualities of you know being a warrior talking about personal power you know are you familiar Castaneda.

Interviewer: Castaneda.

Respondent: Shaman.

Interviewer: For some reason it sounds familiar to me but

Respondent: Castaneda was archaeologist type that's _____31:17 ways of the unions and additional uses of certain things out there in the desert. And in the 31.29 _____ real hard on reshaping yourself by or raising the personal history that anchors you in the mediocrity, owning your discovered purpose your you know being important _____ and check as a warrior always knowing that death is an evidential event, something that you are not just here because it is just you know step in your evolution, we are going to change your habits and patterns so that you are predictable and say you know most vulnerable person concreting things that in front of you and of course your impeccability on or so forth. So I mean this is very, very informative and you know several days and then these weren't about the medicine at all, and the practice of sitting in the desert and doing Vision Quest.

Interviewer: Okay, so there was a Vision Quest?

Respondent: Right. Right after the last part of the semi events, after we concluded the event and I have done a semi event before I met James at another thing that was by seminars out of the Apple Valley area California. So, I finished that event and then we were escorted to pre-located places where there were no energy vortexes along the old creek there and we were in 15 yards from somebody else, so you can hear if somebody made this noise, people around you, but basically there was enough weeds, trees or whatever that you were, pretty much in your old spot. And you have to search and counter-played everything that you read and continue working on the reconceptualization process and trying to break through that barrier and see the vision you know who you are, what you are and what you will be once you play the ranch. And so I mean we had little breaks, we took trips to the Indian rooms, the village on the cliff. Have you been there?

Interviewer: Oh, yeah.

Respondent: (Inaudible) very expensive houses down below.

Interviewer: Yeah, yeah and you are talking about maybe (Inaudible). I know what are you talking about, I just I have been there --

Respondent: But this is a rock group you know they have some sort of reservoir with a lot of time shares.

Interviewer: Oh, yeah (overlapping).

Respondent: And then yeah there are some really nice places with pools, yeah you can just see everything from up there. And you know that was just one of the places where we got to sit and work on things. But in a nutshell that was you know everything that, I mean I got page and pages of thing, you know this was all the stuff leading up to sitting in a desert and getting a breakthrough. And then when we got down with that, we have a short lunch, dinner you know it was (Inaudible) you got to drink a quantity of fluids after being out there. And then basically briefed us real quickly on the sweat lodge and then we all got into (Inaudible) whatever we were going to wear and sort of in front of the lodge and we had ourselves you know (Inaudible) safe and entered in within our three hours in a sweat lodge.

Interviewer: Okay.

Respondent: When I got into, one of the people out there at the hose and you know rinse mud and help pull you off and everything and after the sweat lodge, you know we were told to you know be in the kitchen and help us out to you know there were fruits and cereal and things of snack and lots of you know there was lemonade or other drinks and just to rehydrate and so forth and so on and that was basically it.

Interviewer: Now on your Vision Quest, did you have food and water or anything?

Respondent: The true Vision Quest is without any food or water, because the fasting state allows the body to lose what you learned, leave and you know vision (Inaudible) with those instructions you are basically told that you know for the best results, don't take anything with you, didn't say you couldn't take anything with you, said for best result don't take anything with you. And you know everything that you are going to be there, your sleeping bag and the stuff to make your will get to God's seven directions on (Inaudible) tobacco you know offering things like that you were to do while you are meditating and sweating (Inaudible) you know things that worry you. You know the first time I did, first it was October, it was cooler, it's the nights were very longer in a day. I did it without anything, but second time it was summer, after 20 years in desert, one knows that you never go anywhere without water, so I had those little drink bottles, I had a couple of drink bottles when we (Inaudible) from those and so I had all 40 ounces of water with me for the 36 or so hours that were out there.

Interviewer: Alright.

Respondent: But you know those sticks were during summertime.

Interviewer: Yeah, yeah probably pretty (Inaudible)?

Respondent: Yeah, and it was hot and sweaty, and there was no need for sleeping bags and it's like after the pine tree there, I was adjacent to and provided safe most tree --.

Interviewer: Yeah, anytime before the sweat lodge, were you ever asked questions regarding your health or given anything to fill out regarding your health?

Respondent: No, it's just claim reform that he has it (Inaudible) that basically says that everything that you do is on your own accord and at your own risk and so forth and so on, pretty extensive disclaimer for I am sure obvious reasons. Up until '05 you know the previous events James was able to see and stream and get to know people on their issues, pretty extensively because most people, Spiritual Warrior being the large class and the (Inaudible) courses you know (Inaudible) Modern Magick you know he got to know everybody because very few would you know, but we had a lot of people to wait for that course, it is just one of those courses that everybody knew was going to challenge you know (Inaudible) you know physically and especially emotionally because you got to expose yourself to yourself. In '05 like I said, Dan, myself, there were a few others that were there for you know out of water you know take it as you feel it, and that were allowed a lot more people to go to a lot more courses, so they are having to wait, you know taking in order. But (Inaudible) was there that he didn't know how he would handle a major event, but you know everybody was asked you know certain questions before they sign if there are conditions that they knew that would prohibit (Inaudible) they would opt out, they have the right to opt out as opposed to going through something they feel that will not be in their best interest.

Interviewer: Okay. Did he explain to everybody that there was a possibility of any kind of event that could occur and what to do if something happened?

Respondent: At that time, the unknown is, part of that was (Inaudible) process that will be most in 2005, the methods to all the students and people knowing true where to not involve the conscience of the course, because predictability is throughout your chance for breakthrough things to happen. So, I know one of the (Inaudible) I tell you, when I first got there, it was the first (Inaudible) awakening was (Inaudible) you know on one of those that can (Inaudible) and try it on a regular basis that was the hours I worked for the government. So suddenly having now meat, no sugar, and then there had been other you know the bread was limited and a lot of the things that I consider almost essential were not there. So, you know a lot of stuff, 15 (Inaudible) and it was a very interesting you know cleansing physically, which is you know best part of the process, basically cleansing, you know you cleansing yourself. (Inaudible) Spiritual Warrior you know was about getting yourself cleaned up, issues and stuff that hold you down and that is part of the stuff that he talks about of getting fruit fiber and a lot of things and moderating (Inaudible) medium type to you know two three courses per week as opposed to you know two or three a day. There were some people who were you know they were being (Inaudible) no did not know prior to and the biggest (Inaudible) Jeff was only person I know and he wasn't going to tell me if he think he (Inaudible) good breakthroughs, so, yeah I ended up there with not knowing anything about what was happening.

Interviewer: Yeah, okay. Was it ever explained to every one that hey you know there was a possibility of maybe somebody having event and what to do if that did happen or

was that still they didn't want to tell anybody anything because it might take away some of the experience.

Respondent: Well the short thing before we put ourselves is to get briefs about the sweat lodge what you know we are able to discuss you know what the process was before the Vision Quest briefly, but basically it was just going through things that you know we are going to sit in there for a period, a long period that you know (Inaudible) we were told to hydrate that's you know the fact that we haven't had any water and that we were going to be doing another event to plans that we needed (Inaudible) and flush and so we were perhaps, you know another aspect as far as having proper things to help you know process for (Inaudible) the things out of your body. The fact that we just finished the Vision Quest pretty much left as in a light state, was little loud, and essential for vision during that sweat lodge to occur, a lot of these years. And so you know the body is most essential (Inaudible) water you know was emphasized around people who were encouraged to train this as much as they could prior to the event and during this thing. And you know there was open question you could ask anything and everything, your concerns, and so forth. You described it you know the stones were coming, here we were (Inaudible) 7 meditative sessions to each one of the shockers and at the end of the (Inaudible) from the lodge cleansed and you know ready to celebrate the occasion with the fruit and stuff.

Interviewer: Okay alright you said that, you observed anything that did go wrong or --?

Respondent: Well Dan obviously had a vision which he was reaching out you know we were (Inaudible) where I was getting hosed off and stuff and his wife herself was there and he was basically non-cooperative you know when they tried to rinse him off, he was yelling and he was an average you know what we would call a standard man, 170 to some hundred pounds (Inaudible) business you know with the government. And you know maybe close to 275, he was able to push some of us around pretty readily with was basically said that he was in an altered state and you know we (Inaudible) in conversation with god and we were like holding them and hosing them and bringing them you know back into here. And maybe there were some (Inaudible) inside the (Inaudible). And I was not aware of anybody else's any issues other than Dan and the paramedics decided that he needed to be treated for dehydration and took him away and was in IV and with some fluids and the (Inaudible) and he was with us next morning. So outside of that, to me it wasn't an issue, yes he may have you know getting borderlines as far as meeting medical attention, but I think that's to the doctors, I am not medically trained, so I can't enter an opinion there. And as far as, you know it was summertime for 2006, it was lot harder you know obviously people should have been more dehydrated and as far as, our member you know whole bunch of people as soon they got hosed off, they went to the (Inaudible) and went for a swim (Inaudible) area I just went to one of the wells, I mean just to get well water over my head and you know to give you little foot there, I already had heat exhaustion you know working on the deserts. Though I had to take particular attention if I exposed to the heat and so forth as I am more (Inaudible) to you know coming to the heat you know that all time you know that whole time I was hands on,

called out but you know there was a survival event inside the lodge, I kind of wish they had you know microphones and recorder at the one (Inaudible)

Interviewer: How many rounds did you stay in 2005?

Respondent: In 2005, I did 5 rounds, rinsed off and finished the 7th.

Interviewer: Okay. And in 2006?

Respondent: In 2006, I did 6 rounds, stayed out and helped rinse off everybody that did it because like you know it was my second time and I felt taking care of others coming out was you know more important because there were lot more people there that were going out of order. So I helped people get out of the lodge and you know get rinsed off and so I could keep the whole you know cooling people off to quick as one of the solutions you know we have never been in too much years that the (Inaudible) too much (Inaudible) cause issues as opposed to resolve the overheating.

Interviewer: Do you know if in 2005 or 2006, were there any medical staffs on staff outside the lodge to assist with any possible medical issues that may occur?

Respondent: There were a couple people that were part of you know what they call brain (Inaudible) volunteer staff that James has worked with that you know were coached and (Inaudible) on issues including holding people off and stress and they were the ones to take care of everybody as they came out of the lodge for every issues.

Interviewer: Alright. Are you aware of any medical staff that was there, where they used medical professionals or?

Respondent: Well no, we didn't have any outside medical you know we have people that were nurses (Inaudible) lots of events with your medical doctors and so forth you know its fraction is very high in clientele which I found interesting considering that you know it wasn't you know little (Inaudible) that be pretty much at going through things. Now these are business professionals that he was appealing to that we are looking for you know some advantage and making everything you know better and personalized as far as all that was going to things like this is finding out you know what you can learn to make sure you were more competitive and so forth in the world.

Interviewer: Now the whole thing including the sweat lodge, do you feel that it was run to standard or could it have been approved, improved upon or you know have opinion?

Respondent: Yeah in looking back to this, there is always room for error as far as the amount of heat, you know the issue is physically seriously was and those average people that he was (Inaudible) you know into the course of events, those that don't (Inaudible) the gentleman work out or you know all the way and he would you know affect them a lot more quickly. You know you know to me, there always going to be as an open end to the potential issues that (Inaudible) no matter run his business but to me that's you know

something that he would need more trained staff or more people in the future to address as the issues arise. You know and the hindsight having discussed this was you know people in JRI that you know people were presented with courses where they over the years, some were not aligned, I can see also saying you know here is thermometer, you have seen this the light comes on you got to open the door and let some air in, you are exceeded to certain safe channel you know blah-blah-blah. You know there is nothing in there other than how people feel that you know what was going on and (Inaudible) times, you heard this (Inaudible) here you know and everybody making comments as they always pour a little water on the rocks and creating a steam and stuff. And a little bit of a (Inaudible) stuff and he would start his and one of the languages and he get it you know sit there and you know get into the thing and you know sweat profusely and so forth. And to me you know it was an interesting event and what I know sweat lodge is that you know it's (Inaudible) it's you know sweat lodge is something that you stay in and so you get your vision or usually just lie down on the floor and go to sleep you know, so yeah I guess you know the thing is really decent as far as the outcome.

Interviewer: Now do you have any personal knowledge about maybe anybody with James Ray International or anybody that might have been associated or even anybody that was participating that may have you know went to Mr. Ray and said hey you know you need to be more active in this kind of stuff as the medical issues could arise or you know if anybody that can get him any possible warnings that hey you know this could hurt somebody if you have you know?

Respondent: Well we have, you know in '05, we had a couple of nurses, I don't remember their names, so they kind of addressed some issues with him you know concerning the heat and so forth and the status and you know heat tolerance, you know things were taken care of that you know things we addressed as soon as they occurred. So there wasn't a source sweat lodge and you know the episode with Dan I am sure was an awakening moment for him because of the way the ranch owner decided to (Inaudible) call for an ambulance and so forth. The fact that they were used in '06 and it was summertime, I don't know what '07 and '08 were like, but I know people that went inside it was you know pretty great. My guess is something went sideways that you know I am sure you guys are trying to find out, because they only went two hours and people were sick and (Inaudible) and all sorts of stuff you know something you know just wasn't right and you know I was you know (Inaudible) as well, did they eat something, I didn't agree with them, did they were properly hydrate, you know it was October 11 that hot so you know in the Vision Quest shouldn't have been that challenging, because it was warmer than you know '05 and it was definitely lot cooler than my '06 summertime was. So I was trying to figure out you know just what the heck you know sort of being you know potential cause.

Interviewer: That was what we are trying to figure out.

Respondent: You know I am baffled because you know Lou Caci, you know he was my roommate at Modern Magick (Inaudible) in couple of years. You know he had his hand get into the fire place as he was leaving. And I talked to him at the airport before he flew

out of Phoenix, I chatted with him several times, to see how he was doing and you know he describes me you know everything in a pretty vivid detail. I was like still what the hell happened you know people were falling, he said people were felling, people were passed out you know people were shaking uncontrollably and stuff. To me, that you know there wasn't a food poisoning that was as an additional medical issue. Dehydration was also going to be an issue, if they went without the water and they didn't properly rehydrate. But to me, it's got to be something that made this thing shorter and had the outcome that he did.

Interviewer: Yeah and that's what we are trying to figure out, trying to figure out what went wrong. And we had talked to a couple of people who were at 2008, but they had some issues too and that they came real close to having contact medical EMTs to come and assist them with some people, but they

Respondent: Well, in the future, two things that they can see that could be there to document into your requirements that he continue with the Spiritual Warrior with the hope he does. I mean it's a very effective course in combatting personal issues, is that you (Inaudible) an ambulance and they train paramedic chain, all standby, they are at the facility. And you have the (Inaudible) which regulation documents and temperature, so that heat is not an issue in the future, excess of heat is, you know, you being an official so you would know that there are about 10% of the population that if they suddenly breathe super hue there, their throat closes and they choke or you are not aware of that statistics.

Interviewer: I am not aware of this statistics, but it seems

Respondent: I thought somebody medical you know (Inaudible) that's one of the things that will kill a firefighter is just super-heated air, closes throat and they will drop like rocks, like my brother being a firefighter and my mom being a nurse so I am aware of certain things about that arena.

Interviewer: Yeah.

Respondent: Yeah the physical reactions, the sign-ups and so forth, I can't, actually (Inaudible) some of the managing other than some sort of toxic reactions by the body.

Interviewer: Yeah. Were you told in 2005 that there maybe possibility of any kind of vomiting or possible vomiting that may occur while you were in there?

Respondent: Yeah, it was kind of, so there is weight of the body parts and obviously you are sweating and that was most effective. However, you said, you know for those that, this is why he said (Inaudible) he says you know keep lightly because you may want to throw whatever he eat back up therefore you know fluids and less water, advantageous. And you were encouraged to drink as much as you could, so preferably that lunch break prior to (Inaudible) up and going in.

Interviewer: Yeah. Okay. Is there anything else you can think of that might be important in our investigation?

Respondent: No. I don't (Inaudible) would be there, I just had a funeral, I buried my sister and brother-in-law the week in prior. I have sent an e-mail to James that I wanted to chat with him you know because we said it was we are going through and helping that some of the stuffs that I was having to think about. And then the next thing I know I am getting phone calls and e-mails and all sort of stuff about what's going on in Sedona and people are going on, my god and so forth. I sent all Friday afternoon you know calls that came across the people, across the US e-mails and that stuff on the internet and stuff. So yeah, it's like a (Inaudible).

Interviewer: Has anybody contacted you and asked you not to speak to law enforcement?

Respondent: Nobody has contacted me on any accord as far as that goes, I know a few people that respect James and every thing that there are teams and these are (Inaudible) doubled, tripled, quadrupled their incomes since that 2005 event, as business people now they told me that unless there is a subpoena, I mean out there, no comments, because they think that they take for events for their results and they have anything else that occurs as James' business and none of theirs. To me, like I said I think the ranches and all sort of place and I look forward to going down there.

Interviewer: Alright. Well Mr. O'Brian, if there is anything else that you can think of that might assist us in our investigation, please feel free to call the Yavapai County Sheriff's Office and I will give you my direct line if you would like to write it down?

Respondent: Well, I will put in the book here. Can I make a suggestion?

Interviewer: Sure.

Respondent: That regardless of your outcomes, should there be no criminal finding that the Sheriff (Inaudible) medical ambulance, (overlapping) required for any future events.

Interviewer: Well see, that's the thing is I don't think the Sheriff's Office has the authority to make that kind of recommendation. Well, we can recommend it but we can't, I don't think that the Sheriff's office can actually order it.

Respondent: Well, you know, certain judge can in an inquest can certainly have Mr. Ray stand up and say that you are very lucky man, however to protect your butt in the future, these are the requirements, should you decide to do another.

Respondent: Well, yeah. And I imagine that maybe sometime there maybe an issue where that comes aight. But as far as the Sheriff's Office goes, it's our job to conduct an investigation to determine whether any criminal charges should be filed in the case or not. So we are trying to contact as many people we can and interview them and find out as much information as we can about past sweat lodges as well as the one that occurred

this year. So we have talked to everybody that went to this year's sweat lodge probably two, possibly three or four times with some people and now we are getting hold of everybody that went to 2005 and we may be contacting everybody that went to 2008 so

Respondent: Yeah, so what it is James Ray has become more impersonal, now he is famous, that I don't know put down everything else that I know this still being as most intimate event, I mean it's 60 people. It was a much more closer contact with him but people's opinion at least the ones that have been reading out on the Internet I am sure you guys are monitoring that. And some of the second-hand descriptions, so how he is acting like God and this and that. If they got in the courses in the order that they were originally designed to be, they were understanding and the persona that he portrays and stuff to create a certain effect. And you got to remember that the whole idea is to challenge you, your mind to see your issues and for you to figure out why you are not getting what you want. And some of the stuff that I read, pretty brutal and some of the stuff I read describing it like a war scene and bodies underground and all sort of stuffs. It sounds pretty, probably pretty honest to you know fairly realistic as to what probably did occur, switch up for you guys, did you do, I hate to be someone like a recorder but did you toxicology and the vomits and other things trying to see if there was possibly food poisoning or --.

Interviewer: Everything that we collected at the scene in terms of (overlapping) was that, I don't know what the results are. But we had sent everything for that kind of examination even with the people that already ceased, we sent all kinds of the doc strands and stuff like that, but we don't have the results back from those yet.

Respondent: Yeah, we have a strong scientific background to work that I do for the government, so you know that's why being (Inaudible) now there are scientists for the government. We were sitting they were like see what the heck happened you know we did three hours and didn't have any problems instead they didn't even get the whole thing.

Interviewer: Well, from what I understand they did the entire, they did seven rounds, actually they did eight rounds because we had somebody tell us that Mr. Ray had repeated the fourth round twice. So they actually did eight rounds and they said that each round is like 15 to 20 minutes long.

Respondent: So he did the quicker round because all rounds were more or like 25 minutes at least.

Interviewer: Really.

Respondent: There were three hours. Both times we went in and you know like I said I had a watch you know when you produced to a logbook and it's you know everyone documenting, they are logging, recording everything this, but how would you go merge after 20 years.

Interviewer: Yeah.

Respondent: Yeah, I crawled that whole times but you know with the exception of (Inaudible) whole times, they were no issues to leave out, but I went through. And which just leaves me questioned as a scientist you know what little went wrong? How do this one you know coming out the way it did? And it was just a short time concerning these three hours of (Inaudible)

Respondent: Yeah.

Respondent: But okay, that was very long (Inaudible)

Interviewer: [REDACTED] and

Respondent: That's the number you gave me yesterday, thanks.

Interviewer: That's my door client.

Respondent: In fact, spell Yavapai that's' -

Interviewer: Yavapai is Y-A-V-A-P-A-I.

Respondent: Y-A-V-A-P-A-I.

Interviewer: Yeah.

Respondent: Okay. I am going to put it, I wrote here.

Interviewer: It's the Sheriff's Office so

Respondent: The other thing that's out on one of the internet sites is, we know the different ones that were popping up with documented reports and all sort of other stuff.

Interviewer: Yeah.

Respondent: But I talked to a few people, Lou being a good friend, I talked to him quite a bit.

Interviewer: Yeah.

Respondent: Well, I talked to the brother that were there and still that holds.

Interviewer: Yeah, I actually, I was the one that interviewed Lou at the hospital right after he was taken there.

Respondent: Yeah he is pretty level-headed person as a stockbroker up there in [REDACTED] and he and I was (Inaudible) you know spending a couple of weeks in Hawaii with

Modern Magick event, got with him some more in the future hopefully doing another event with him, he was interesting guy.

Interviewer: Yeah, I know. Alright, Mr. O'Brian, I thank you for your time and like I said if anything else comes up or you think of feel free to give us call and we will talk to you.

Respondent: And your name again?

Interviewer: Steve Surak, S-U-R-A-K.

Respondent: Oh, Surak.

Interviewer: Yes.

Respondent: Okay.

Interviewer: I am not the lead detective on this case, but we have quite a few of us assisting.

Respondent: I am understanding this is pretty extensive deal for you guys, I am sure.

Interviewer: Yes. And I appreciate your time. Thank you, very much.

Respondent: Yeah, I am sure guys will have to announce your financial (overlapping).

Interviewer: Oh yeah, everything is public knowledge and I mean whatever thing comes out and everything like that it will probably be over the news and over the Internet so I mean (Inaudible) it has so far so. But anyway also (Inaudible) thank you for your service and I appreciate your time today.

Respondent: Alright. Like you have said, (Inaudible) well I can't tell you anything, it's as much as I can and as far as what occurred with (Inaudible) what you are trying to figure out.

Interviewer: Yeah, I have

Respondent: But I just sit on a sweat lodge once a year and I didn't sit anywhere, in the future you guys have the ability to regulate future risk.

Interviewer: Yeah, yeah I am sure. I am sure out of this something will come in that and that affect their imaging.

Respondent: Well, it's (Inaudible) on both sides.

Interviewer: Yeah, yeah.

Respondent: Now, temperature can be an issue and if there is something recording it's then it like goes on (Inaudible) and obviously both the answers are covered.

Interviewer: Yeah.

Respondent: It is definitely the (Inaudible) side and there maybe (Inaudible) in case somebody is not physically fit since people don't go through the courses in order anymore, it's just a small practice in life, alright.

Interviewer: Alright.

Respondent: You have great day.

Interviewer: You too.

Respondent: And good luck and everything else.

Interviewer: Alright. Thank you very much.

Respondent: Bye.

Interviewer: Bye.

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