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On Monday, October 12, 2009 I interviewed Dawn Gordon via telephone. The interview was recorded on digital audio recorder and what follows is a synopsis of that interview. A complete record of the interview will be placed in evidence.

GORDON told me that she was in the sweat lodge for the entire time and she believed that to be 7 or 8 rounds. GORDON was not sure of the precise number because she believes that James RAY miscounted and announced round #5 twice. GORDON said she is experienced in therapeutic saunas and has taken about 10 saunas in the last year. She said that the heat in the sweat lodge was by her approximation 10 times hotter than any sauna she has ever taken part in. She said later in our conversation that she heard RAY proclaim at some point on the day of the sweat lodge that he was trained in sweat lodges by Native Americans and that even Native Americans agree that his "sweats" are hotter than theirs.

GORDON said that she was in the sweat lodge in the "due north" position. She explained that the door to the sweat lodge was described as due south so she was directly north of the door, against the north wall. GORDON said that James SHORE, Kirby BROWN, Tess WONG, Sidney SPENCER and Liz NEUMAN were to the east of her position, Mark ROCK and Sean RONAN were to the west. GORDON said she believed that around round 6, SHORE pulled Sidney SPENCER out of the sweat lodge because she was in distress. It was GORDON'S belief that SPENCER was unconscious when SHORE dragged her out. She said SHORE came back to her position and shortly after he came back she heard him say "We need help over here to get her out". She said there was no response. SHORE said she could hear BROWN gurgling and based on the direction of the gurgling and the direction of SHORE'S cry for help, she assumed that SHORE was talking about BROWN. GORDON said it was too dark in the lodge while the "rounds" were taking place to see anyone. So she was not certain that it was SHORE talking about BROWN, but based on the positions of everyone when they went in and the locations where SHORE and BROWN were located, she is confident it was them. GORDON said that SHORE took SPENCER out at the end of round 6 and she heard his cry for help before round 8 started.

GORDON said she noticed at least twice that someone she believes was SHORE because of the location, lifted up the tarp to the east for a short time. GORDON said that each time she saw the light, RAY would make a comment about turning out the light or words to that effect. GORDON said she could not remember the exact quote but remembers being confused about someone bringing in a flashlight when she knew it was the tarp. GORDON said that MARK ROCK was also lifting up the tarp but he was doing it during the breaks when the door was "open" so she never heard him get admonished for doing so. GORDON said ROCK was a member of the "dream team" as a volunteer and had participated in the Spiritual Warrior sweat lodge last year. She said she asked ROCK after they were out of the sweat about him pulling up on the tarp and he told her he did so

to get cool air to breathe in between rounds. Gordon said ROCK told her, he came upon that technique as a method to get cool air without disturbing the sanctimony of the sweat lodge while a "round" was in progress. GORDON said ROCK did not share that information with anyone prior to or during the sweat lodge and to her knowledge, he was not directed by anyone to use that technique as a method of "survival" but came upon it on his own.

I also asked GORDON if she saw James RAY assisting in the effort to resuscitate any of the people in distress. GORDON said she did not see him helping SHORE or BROWN or any of the others that were eventually transported. However, she did see a young girl "thrashing around" and when one of the participants recognized her as the person that had disclosed some childhood trauma earlier in the week, they went to tell RAY who came over and grabbed her arm and "shook her out of it".

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