

*I/V Brandy Rainey-Amstel by Det. Johnson #C22

On 10/26/2009 at approximately 0842hrs I spoke to Brandy Kay Rainey by phone. The digitally recorded interview was placed into evidence as Evidence Item #4.

Brandy said she learned of James Ray when she saw "The Secret" on DVD in December of 2007. She said she went to a free James Ray event in [REDACTED] in January of 2008.

Brandy said she had attended the following events:

Austin, TX	Intro Event		2/2008
Arlington, TX	Harmonic Wealth Weekend	2 Day	2/2008
Kona, HI	Modern Magic Sacred Energy Exchange	5-Day	/2008
San Francisco, CA	Harmonic Wealth Weekend	2 Day	6/2008
Lake Tahoe	Practical Mysticism	5 Day	7/2008
San Diego, CA	Harmonic Wealth	2 Day	8/2008
Las Vegas, NV	Quantum Leap	3 Day	10-11/2008
Las Vegas, NV	World Wealth Extravaganza	2 Day	10-11/2008
Egypt	World Wealth Excursion	5 Day	9-10/2008
San Diego, CA	New Years Eve Event	1 Day	12/2008
Dana Point, CA	Modern Magic	5 Day	4/2009
Sedona, AZ	Spiritual Warrior		10/2009

Brandy said she had never used a sauna before.

Brandy said that she was told that, while they were on the Vision Quest, James Ray had gone into Sedona and talked to a Native American person about the sweat lodge. She said that James said "you know how the Lakota, they're like considered crazy, but even his sweat lodge was different." She said "they said nobody does a sweat lodge like James." She said that it was going to be really hot.

Brandy said James told them that they wouldn't be able to walk around there because the ceiling was low to make it hotter. She said he told them they had to enter and exit in a particular ritualistic way. She said she was worried so she made sure she was one of the first people in so she wouldn't have to crawl as far to get out.

Brandy said on Thursday Ami had told the group, including James Ray, during the group meeting in the conference room that she had thrown up during her Vision Quest. She said Ami presented it as a positive thing that had facilitated her breakthrough.

Brandy said she didn't eat or drink during the vision quest from Tuesday at about 2300hrs until Thursday morning at 0630hrs. She said they were asked to consider eating lightly on Tuesday so they wouldn't have to defecate in their personal circle during the vision quest.

Brandy said she drank four liters of water on Thursday. She said she ate oatmeal, strawberries, whole wheat toast and almond butter.

Brandy said she didn't know about the sweat lodge other than seeing it on the waiver. She said she should have drank more and wished she had helped the people around her drink more.

Brandy said she didn't know what to expect from the vision quest or the sweat lodge.

Brandy said they didn't discuss what to do if there was a problem in the sweat lodge.

Brandy said she felt safe entering the sweat lodge because a lot of people had done the lodge. She said it had been Liz Neuman's fifth time. She said "I felt like it was safe and James has never done anything to harm me in the past."

Brandy said she sat on the back row on the South-East by East side of the lodge. She said there was nobody sitting in front of her. She said 6 or 7 people were sitting between her and the door. She said Theresa was sitting to her left and Josh Frederickson was sitting to her right. She said she thought the woman sitting in front of her was Linda.

Brandy said she didn't move around but was lying down, during and after the second round, on her back with her knees in the air. She said she was hyperventilating after it started getting really hot and someone told her she should lie down while they were trying to calm her.

Brandy said she left after the end of the 5th round.

Brandy said,, inside the sweat lodge, she remembered Mike Oleson asked if he should leave or urinate where he was. She said James Ray told Mike to urinate where he was.

Brandy said while she was lying with her eyes closed she noticed a light. She said James asked "who just did that, that's sacrilege." She said she thought someone rolled out.

Brandy said she stayed in the lodge until the end of the fifth round. She said she felt too hot. She said she told Josh she was ready to go. She said Josh and Theresa helped her sit up. She said she was very weak. She said she had a hard time crawling out. She said when she got to the door it was really bright. She said there were a lot of people standing outside and they picked her up and guided her to a tarp.

Brandy said when she was crawling out someone did something that wasn't right. She said James said "you can't leave." She said she stopped and James told her "not you, you can leave."

Brandy said she was disoriented, and while aware of what was going on, she felt like it was in slow motion. Brandy said they put her down on the tarp. She said it was wet, gross and felt like a slip and slide, but she said the water felt good. She said she saw steam coming off her body.

Brandy said she remembered Lou and Linnette brought out during the 6th round. She said Ami was brought out, followed by Dennis and Bill in the 7th round. She said, when those people were brought out, she realized there was a problem.

Brandy said Lou came out and was burned. She said he was sitting there stunned looking at his hand in a daze. She said people were freaking out about his hand so they got him a bucket of ice. She said Lou put his hand in the bucket of ice.

Brandy said after Lou, they brought Linnette out. She said Linnette was screaming and fighting and kicking. She said Linnette was screaming "I want to go home."

Brandy said it took four people to bring Ami out. She said it was awhile before Ami regained consciousness.

Brandy said when she tried to get up she felt heavy. She said then she started feeling cold. She said when she tried to get up and almost fell someone helped her to a chair. She said she could see what was going on from the chair.

Brandy said they brought Dennis out. She said Dennis was screaming at the top of his lungs "I don't want to die." She said he was screaming and making sounds. She said he and Linnette were both screaming and kicking at people.

Brandy said James yelled from inside the "Who is that, Lou you need to stop that." She said Lou said "it's not me." She said James yelled from inside "who is that." She said a dream team member said "it's Dennis." She said James then yelled "Dennis buddy you need to pull it together."

Brandy said Lou decided to go back in the tent after the exchange. She said no one tried to keep him from going back in.

It should be noted that at this point approximately 46 minutes into my interview the digital recorder stopped recording and didn't resume the recording until I noticed the problem and reactivated the recorder no more than nine minutes later.

Brandy said Dennis started throwing up and then Bill and Ami started throwing up.

Brandy said Dennis was throwing up for a long time.

Brandy said when James Ray and Taylor exited the sweat lodge she heard James ask Taylor "what did you think?" She said Taylor told James "nobody does a sweat lodge like you, James."

Brandy said a lot of people came out and there were bodies lying everywhere. She said she saw a hand sticking out of the tent and not moving. She said people were yelling that someone needed to go check on that person. She said a while later she saw the hand start to move.

Brandy said Ami was next to her and she was talking to Ami and encouraging her.

Brandy said they found James and Kirby behind the tent. She said Mike Oleson started asking, does anyone know CPR. She said she started going that way. She said somebody stopped her because she was still not fully functional.

Brandy said James didn't know when they were asking everybody else about CPR.

When I asked Brandy, who had turned her back when she had went to give aid to James and Kirby, Brandy said she didn't know. She said she saw James in the chair after that time. She said after that she noticed Ami was missing.

Brandy said James Ray had taken her seat and she saw James talking to Ami. She said he said something to Ami in jest.

Brandy said somebody was breathing in a loud and erratic manner. She said James said "who is making that noise they need to stop that." She said they found Tess was the one making the noise. She said they rolled Tess over and found that she was foaming at the mouth.

Brandy said while James was sitting in her seat Lou had come back out of the tent and was sitting with his hand out of the bucked. She said his hand looked horrible, leading her to believe he had third degree burns. She said it looked like boils that had burst. She said it appeared to be a grievous injury. She said Lou looked like he was out of it. She said James told Lou "Lou that's going to be a reminder." Brandy said the way James said it, it seemed very inappropriate. She said it upset her.

Brandy said Ami was still there when James had made the comment to Lou.

Brandy said Kristina had been brought out of the tent and was kicking and screaming. They said she wouldn't stop. She said they called James over. She said it seemed like he didn't know what to do but that he bent over and talked to Kristina.

Brandy said that Megan went to James and had a quiet conversation after which he went to the area where James and Kirby were being helped.

Brandy said she realized Ami had disappeared. She said she was very worried because Ami was very ill and she had last seen her by the chair. She said she started looking around and asking people trying to find Ami.

Brandy said she found Ami behind the tent by herself. She said Ami told her "James told me to go behind the tent to throw up." Brandy said Ami was still very ill. She said she stayed with Ami and helped care for her.

Brandy said the helicopters and EMS showed up after she found Ami.

Brandy said they started making people leave the area. She said she helped Ami up to the living area. She said they told them that they were supposed to meet for a celebratory dinner at 1830hrs.

Brandy said Ami was still throwing up as they helped her to the room.

Brandy said she knew Ami was dehydrated and tried to give her water. She said she gave Ami a wet towel to put on herself.

Brandy said her balance was disrupted by the experience and she experienced a headache with nausea. She said she had burns on her legs, heat welts on her face and burst blood vessels in her eyes. Brandy said she was taken to the hospital and diagnosed with heat exhaustion. Brandy said, since that time, she still gets blisters when she gets overheated.

Brandy said she was upset because they never saw James again after the sweat lodge. She said that upset her. She said there was a letter on the table in the kitchen from JRI that James wants to be with you but he can't, he was detained by the cops.

Brandy said she thought the contributing factors were too much heat, too many rocks, and a lack of air circulation. Brandy said, where she was sitting on the east side, she never felt fresh air from the open flap between rounds.

The above is a summary, edited for clarity, of a recorded interview I later placed the recording into evidence with this incident.

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