

*I/V Tess Wong by Det. Johnson #C22

On 10/28/2009 and on 11/2/2009 I conducted digitally recorded interviews with Teresita (Tess) Jocson Wong by phone. Tess also faxed me copies of her Critical Care Evaluation and Discharge Summary from Flagstaff Medical Center. That paperwork was placed into records with this incident. The recordings were placed into evidence as Evidence Item #4. Below is a summary of the two interviews edited into chronological order for clarity.

Tess said she learned of James Ray through an E-mail about a free event sent to her by her sister.

Tess said she attended the following 8 James Ray events.

San Jose, CA	Intro Event	2 Hr	2/2008
San Francisco, CA	Harmonic Wealth Weekend	2 Day	4/2008
Las Vegas, NV	Quantum Leap	3 Day	2008
Las Vegas, NV	World Wealth Society	2 Day	2008
San Diego, CA	Creating Absolute Wealth	5 Day	12/2008
Dana Point, CA	Dreamer and the Dream	5 Day	2009
Lake Tahoe	Practical Mysticism	5 Day	6/2009
Sedona, AZ	Spiritual Warrior	5 Day	10/2009

Tess said she had been in saunas. She said the sweat lodge was larger with more people. She said there was a lot of heat much hotter than a sauna and far harder to breathe.

Tess said she felt safe entering the sweat lodge because she trusted the people running the event.

Tess said she was sitting on the north side directly opposite of the opening. She said she was in the second row. She said there was a big guy on her left a woman on her right and Kristina Bivins was sitting nearby.

Tess said she was conscious until the 6th or 7th round. She said she remembered thinking I can do this and then waking up in ICU.

Tess said on Thursday she ate very little eggs and fruit she said she drank 2 to 3 bottles of water with 1 teaspoon of salt. She said she didn't eat or drink during the vision quest.

Tess said she knew what to expect from the vision quest.

Tess said she expected a sauna experience but not the amount of heat experienced in the sweat lodge.

Tess said she wasn't told how to deal with reactions in the sweat lodge.

Tess said it was hard to breathe inside the lodge she said she was sweating a lot and had a hard time sitting up. She said she knew the goal was to enter an altered state of consciousness.

Tess said James Ray was chanting while they were inside. She said he told them they could only leave while the door was open because he wanted to maintain the sacred space.

Tess said she couldn't remember anyone in distress.

Tess said she experienced severe medical problems as a result of the sweat lodge. She faxed me a copy of hospital paperwork.

Tess said she stayed in the sweat lodge because she wanted to push her boundaries and see what they were.

Tess said her understanding of James Ray's qualifications to run a sweat lodge was that he had learned from Native American grandfathers and from shamans.

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