* I/V Aaron Bennett Det. S. Surak #5742

This interview was done in the dining hall at the Angel Valley Retreat.

On 10/08/09 I interview Aaron Bennet who said that he was a member of James Ray's "dream team" and that those who were part of the "dream team" got to the resort on 10/01/09 to assist in getting things ready for the retreat. He stated that the way he participated was not the same as everyone else. Bennet stated he assisted with walking the participants out to their spots where they would put their "medicine wheels" and stay during their "vision quest". Bennet stated that he had done these before where he was an assistant and also where he was a participant. Bennet stated that this sweat lodge was no different then others. Bennet stated that James Ray has done this in the past and this one was not different. Bennet stated that he believes people just did not know there own physical capabilities.

Bennett said that he was one of the ones to take the participants out to the spots for the "vision quest". I asked if they would check on them throughout the "vision quest". He stated no they did not and were given specific instructions not to by James Ray. When asked about the "Sweat Lodge" he stated that the same people constructed it and conducted it as in years past. Bennett stated that he has been to at least three of these "sweat lodges" and this one was not different. When asked if anyone could leave when they wanted to or if they had to stay through a session, Bennett said that they could leave when ever they wanted to. They were not made to stay, but it was preferable for people to wait and leave between sessions. Bennett stated that the sessions were not that long and most people should have been able to make it through a session. Bennett stated that they would not stop anyone that absolutely wanted out in the middle of a session, but it was preferable for them to leave or come in at the end of a session, when the flap was open.

Interview concluded.

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