

\*I/VGingerella, Tere 11/01/09 and 11/02/09

Interviewed by Detective Ross Diskin:

On 11/01/09 I interviewed Tere Gingerella. Tere contacted me on 11/02/09 with additional information. The following transcript contains both interviews:

First conversation with Tere Gingerella and Detective Diskin 11.01.09:

Det. Diskin: Detective Diskin, I'm investigating uhm the case in Angel Valley, Arizona uh in reference to James Ray uhm and the sweat lodge

Tere: Uh huh

Det. Diskin: Somebody had given me your information and said that you used to work for James Ray and that you might be able to give us some information

Tere: Uh huh

Det. Diskin: about his organization and different things that have gone on

Tere: You're an investigator with the police department?

Det. Diskin: Yes, I'm a detective with the Yavapai County Sheriff's Office

Tere: In Arizona?

Det. Diskin: Yes

Tere: Okay

Det. Diskin: And basically what we were told, we've been getting a lot of information from the public but we were told that uhm, that you had uh been kind of higher up in his staff. Uh we were told that you were his second in command for several years and then had some type of falling out uh with him. And so we were

Tere: Yea I worked for him for about four years

Det. Diskin: Okay, and when was that?

Tere: Uhm my last year was 2005 so after the incident in Sedona

Det. Diskin: Okay

Tere: Where Daniel was taken to the hospital, that was, I think, one of my last events

Det. Diskin: Okay. And I did talk to Daniel and he's apparently still having problems from that incident. Uh so you worked four years, so basically 2001 to 2005?

Tere: Yea exactly, because my son was born in 2002 and he hired me when I was pregnant

Det. Diskin: Okay. And what can you tell me about James Ray?

Tere: I mean what is it that you're looking; I mean I can tell you a lot. I knew him very, very, very well. I mean he knew my husband, I mean I knew James Ray very well.

Det. Diskin: What we're looking at is, is you know, we uh are investigating the deaths of three people and so we're talking to people who might have information about James Ray to determine if there were any kinds of warning signs that this would happen, if there was any kind of negligence involved, uhm if he should have known better

Tere: Well if there was any kind of warning signs, wouldn't you say the event in 2005 would be a warning sign?

Det. Diskin: Well yea, I, I would think so, uhm

Tere: I mean in my opinion that was huge. I mean, in, my first reaction when, when I heard about what happened uhm a couple weeks ago I, was I shocked? Not really because my last experience at the sweat lodge was not a good one.

Det. Diskin: And could we just talk about that incident in 2005 first and uhm you know what, there were several people there. We've talked to several people who were there and everybody kinda has a different perspective on what they saw and what happened. Uhm

Tere: Uh huh

Det. Diskin: were you actually in the sweat lodge?

Tere: I was, I was in there

Det. Diskin: Okay, did you stay in the whole time?

Tere: I did stay in there the whole time.

Det. Diskin: Okay. And what do you remember happening?

Tere: I mean as far as the sweat lodge itself, I would say that there was really no; there was really no chaos within the sweat lodge itself to tell you the truth.

Det. Diskin: Okay

Tere: Uhm it started afterwards. And that's when people started coming out of the sweat lodge and I know uhm, I had already done, that was my third sweat lodge with James. The first two years there really, there had been no incidents. I mean it was fine, it was actually a great experience for everybody. I mean it was really a great experience. Uhm the last time in 2005 even myself, I remember I was like should I get out? Should I get out? Should I get out? Because it was challenging and I didn't. Uhm but when we came out I know that physically I hadn't felt like the other two times. I mean the other two times I was basically (Inaudible) out and then you know resume my responsibilities as a staff member. Uhm but in 2005 I mean I was disoriented, uhm just felt really lethargic.

Det. Diskin: Okay

Tere: And kind of you know felt like I needed to regroup if you will. And then I remember that uhm all of a sudden I started hearing uhm shouting and being that I was a little discombobulated I was trying to like get pieces together, uhm, I was like I couldn't tell what was going on because as I mentioned to you the other two times were great experiences and there had been people that had to come out of the sweat lodge previously in the other you know two years that we had done it but you know they were shouting but it was more of a rejoicing type thing.

Det. Diskin: Okay

Tere: Like you know yes, I did it! You know people were excited. Uhm so I was trying to figure out if that's what this was and then I realized that it wasn't. Uhm that Daniel was actually, he was literally being extremely confrontational with people; going up to people, uhm he hit a gentleman in the face; punched them. Uhm people are going up to Daniel and telling him Daniel, Daniel and you know they're trying to get him you know calm down and trying to get his, to get him to sit down and he wouldn't. Uhm and then it kinda just seemed like that just started a whole you know whirlwind of other people starting to shout, uhm, starting to shout, uhm kind of you know drop themselves to the ground and you know the only way that I can describe it as I recall it; it was like something you would see if you walked into an insane asylum.

Det. Diskin: You know what do you think the reason is for that? What do you, what do you think happened to Daniel?

Tere: I, I, I think Daniel, I, I, don't, I mean I don't know, I'm not a doctor, I can't really tell you. Uhm the only thing I know from like what I have studied myself is that he obviously was in a different level of consciousness than all of us. I mean like he was, I mean obviously the heat got to him. It's like you know when you have a fever, you start to hallucinate. So I think Daniel started hallucinating.

Det. Diskin: Okay. And what, where was James Ray while this was going on?

Tere: You know that's the part that I struggle with the most because he wasn't there. He left. So when I know of these accounts on television and what I hear in the media, I know that that is true because I experienced that first hand.

Det. Diskin: Okay

Tere: He left. And that was the thing. That we were scrambling, scrambling and I as a staff member, I was telling my other people go get James, go find James because I didn't know what to do. I, I, I had never experienced this. I didn't, I was never told by James Ray that this could happen. I was never trained to deal with a situation like this. I didn't know CPR. I mean nothing.

Det. Diskin: Okay. Okay. And do you remember anybody saying uhm you know hey somebody should call 911 or something like that?

Tere: Yea I think I was the one that said call 911 because everybody was kinda looking at me like what do we do? And I remember cells, back then at Angel Valley cell phone reception was really bad so for the most part we couldn't, so I think someone ran to Amayra's office and to tell her to please call 911.

Det. Diskin: Okay

Tere: And at that point we were still scrambling to try to find James. I know I had sent a bunch of people to like to his cabin to go get him and they knocked but he didn't answer the door and then uhm what happened was the next morning, I mean basically he was, he was upset with the staff. He was upset with me, Josh and Megan. Uhm because he told us, well he told me, I remember this. We were in the car on the way from uhm Sedona to Phoenix to catch our flight home and he said you know, I'm really disappointed on how things turned out last night. You know you guys need to handle situations like that. I cannot be the one to get involved in that because I've just come out of a three hour sweat lodge and I'm disoriented, I need to regroup, I need to pull myself together and I'm pretty spent after an event like that, so I need to be able to count on you guys to be able to handle that. And then he asked us a question; what do you think needs to happen next time so we're better prepared? And I just thought well you know Captain Obvious, perhaps if you would train us and like if we even knew that this was gonna happen because we didn't now, I mean I had done it twice before with him and we didn't have incidents like this.

Det. Diskin: Okay

Tere: So when this started to happen, none of us knew how to react. The only thing we knew how to do was go get James. And when James did finally come, cause he did end up coming down to the field where the sweat lodge was, uhm he started shouting at Amayra because Amayra was trying to tell him you know what was going on and you know basically you know kinda fill him in on what was happening and possibly like what needed to take place to kinda get the situation under control. And he started shouting at

her. And I was standing right next to him and I had never heard James shout at anybody like that ever and I just, I looked at him and I just, I remember putting my arm on his, or my hand on his arm and just saying "oh James", because I just thought it was so inappropriate for him to be shouting at Amayra. I said, my heart went out to Amayra because she was really just trying to help us in his absence. When in reality it was his responsibility to be there to kinda of coach us through this, help us get it under control. I mean she was just doing the best that she could.

Det. Diskin: Okay. And when, when you first heard or when you said call 911 did anybody say no that's not a good idea or try and uhm

Tere: No

Det. Diskin: Okay, what

Tere: No, James was not; however, I know like when I hear the counts, the recounts of like you know leave them, uhm we'll deal with them later, like what happened this year,

Det. Diskin: Right

Tere: I know that's true because there had been at other events when situations happened like that James didn't want to draw attention to that, to a situation like that because it would ruin the experience for everybody else

Det. Diskin: Okay

Tere: It would break up the momentum of the ceremony. I mean that was like what he taught us to do. Like don't, don't you know make hype out of it cause it would just draw attention to it and then it spoils the experience for everybody else.

Det. Diskin: Okay

Tere: So from what I understand I think this had happened last year too where people had been passing out or whatever so I'm sure this time James just thought you know their just passing out their gonna be fine. You know, I don't think he ever expected that people would actually stop breathing.

Det. Diskin: Okay. And we don't think that he intended to, for them to die. Uhm, or he planned on (Inaudible)

Tere: I know he didn't.

Det. Diskin: Okay

Tere: I mean the man has wonderful intentions. Did he make bad decisions in my opinion from my experience with him and knowing exactly who he is? Yea, absolutely.

Det. Diskin: Okay.

Tere: And it's a shame.

Det. Diskin: Okay. And when he was yelling at Amayra you said you were standing right there. Do you remember what, why he would be yelling at Amayra?

Tere: Because she, see, here's the thing. Amayra, she runs her property and her center a certain way and there was always friction between James and Amayra because Amayra has her viewpoint of how the things that James would do; how they needed to be done to the true way of the tradition.

Det. Diskin: Mmm Hmm

Tere: And James was always an orthodox if you will; the way that he would execute things. Amayra really didn't like that and tried to encourage him to do it in the true manner as the Native Americans would and I will tell you that every year when I was involved with that event of organizing the sweat lodge, the sweat lodge was always an argument between James and Amayra. Amayra refused to do the sweat lodge so largely. In 2005 I had a conversation with Michael Hamilton, he called the office and he said "Tere, we cannot do a sweat lodge for as many people that James wants to do. It's just, it can't, we can't do it." So I remember having a conversation with James and with Megan at the time because Megan was new to the group and she was kinda doing the events. So anyways the three of us sat down and I said Michael doesn't want to build the sweat lodge as big as, as you want it to be. And he said tell him tough, I want it that way, if we as a group stay together because suggestions in the past too; James had been, for him to do, uhm, like people take turns. Basically like okay have groups going at a time. Like groups of 10 or groups of 15 at most going at a time, you do the ceremony with them. Another recommendation that Amayra had was for James not to run the sweat lodge because there's elders who do this, you know, they're basically, that's what they do and she thought, and she had said you know the true, proper way to do it is actually have an elder come in and perform the ceremony. And James wouldn't have it, absolutely not. Would not have it, but he was the one to perform the ceremony and the group was to stay together and that he was to be in there with the group the entire time. So there was always friction on that. So when I heard that they built the sweat lodge as big as they did, I was shocked too because that had always been the running argument.

Det. Diskin: Yea. All right and uhm do you remember, some people said that, that there was kind of a confrontation with James that night when Daniel was transported to the hospital. That some people confronted him, uhm, do you remember that?

Tere: I know Mickey Reynolds confronted James because Mickey Reynolds uhm was Daniel's friend. Actually that's how Daniel even came into you know James' events was because Mickey introduced them and I know Mickey was concerned and went up to James and was like telling James hey you know Daniel dah, dah, dah and James basically

like the same thing that he told Amayra; back off, this is my event, these are my people, I will handle it in the way that I feel it's appropriate, etc., etc. And I think Daniel at the time went up to James as well and you know Daniel was in his you know spin of like you know just basically being kind of way out there. Uhm but for the most part when James got to uhm finally came out and found everybody, I mean shortly after that 911 came in and I remember when they put Daniel on the stretcher to take him away in the ambulance, I mean he was already kind of just you know spent, if you will. He was just kinda laying on the stretcher that they were carrying him off on and his eyes were just kinda rolled back in the back of his head and he was just kinda shaking, uhm, so he wasn't really even coherent really at that point.

Det. Diskin: Okay and did James encourage anybody, any of the staff members to go to the hospital and check on him or to make sure that he was okay or anything like that?

Tere: No, no. It was never even a thought, uhm, Daniel was released that same night. I think it was probably like three hours later when he came back and I know his wife; Daniel and his wife went to go knock on James' door that same night and uhm James chatted with them.

Det. Diskin: Okay

Tere: And I think you know he chatted with them you know for like an hour and then they went on their way but uhm, yea because I remember in the morning this was one of the things he said. He goes yea then Daniel and his wife came and they knocked on my door and I was up with them for awhile and I didn't get much sleep, etc., etc. Because he typically would rent a car and he would drive and I know that next morning, I know he was not himself necessarily so I asked him what can I do for you? And he goes you know thanks for asking, can you please drive you know from here to the airport. And I said sure so uhm you know he's all cause I'm just exhausted; he goes I haven't gotten much sleep.

Det. Diskin: Okay. And what can you tell me about Megan and Josh. Uhm I served a search warrant in California. I talked to Megan and Josh briefly. They seem like really nice people but they, they uh, you know of course didn't want to talk about the incident. Uhm are they, what do you think about them, are they pretty honest people? Are you there? Can you hear me?

Det. Diskin: Hi Tere. I think we got disconnected.

Tere: We did. I'm sorry I went through an area where there was no cell coverage. I apologize.

Det. Diskin: Uhm what, I was gonna ask, what, what could you tell me about Josh and Megan?

Tere: Like what, I mean I could tell you a lot so what, what specifically?

Det. Diskin: Are they, do you think that they're you know, when I talked to them they seemed uhm, uh very cooperative. Uhm do you think that they would, do you think that there's anything shady about them or do you think that they're honest people? You there?

Tere: Yea I'm thinking. Uhm, are they honest? I think for the most part yes but would they do anything to protect James? Absolutely!

Det. Diskin: Okay

Tere: Without a shadow of a doubt.

Det. Diskin: Okay. All right so, so do you think they would lie for him?

Tere: I think so

Det. Diskin: Okay. And did you get along with them?

Tere: You know I got along great with them until the end. Uhm and that's one of the reasons why I resigned because there was just, yea, it just became a thing. You know James, he's an interesting person and there was a lot of aspects to James if you will. And uhm you know it seems like James is never happy unless there's somebody on the chopping block within his organization and I had helped put a lot of people on the chopping block so I was kinda like the queen bee if you will for many, many years. Uhm and then Josh and Megan came on board and it just seemed like time and time again James wanted to kinda create the same situation with Megan and Josh; specifically Josh. And I didn't want to do that anymore because I really cared about Josh and Megan. They moved all the way from Minnesota uhm to work for us. And we had a very high turnover. And I just thought you know what, these kids came all this way, you know. Megan gave up a great job at Best Buy you know making good money, there's no way that I'm gonna create a situation where you know they're basically now out in California and left with no job.

Det. Diskin: Yea

Tere: So I didn't participate in the situation anymore so instead he you know, he comes up with Josh and Megan and then the tables kind of turned on me so it just seemed at that point that you know it was my; we weren't working together as a team, uhm, it was Josh, Megan and James working against me

Det. Diskin: Okay

Tere: to a degree and I was just like you know I'm, I'm not gonna do this. You know I've seen so many people in this situation and it's a no win situation and you know I've been here for so long, I've done so much for James, uhm you know I, like I said he hired

me when I was pregnant. I had my son on a Monday, the following Monday I was back at work.

Det. Diskin: Wow

Tere: So I just felt like, I mean I'm not gonna do this, I mean I've, I've put too much you know, sweat, blood and tears into this place that you know, I, I don't want to be in a situation like this so

Det. Diskin: Did, did, did they say anything to you to keep you from quitting? Did James Ray say no (Inaudible)

Tere: No actually, uh, well Megan was ecstatic when I resigned. I mean Josh had mixed feelings when I resigned. Uhm James wanted me to stay but I, this was already my third time resigning. So at some point in time I think he just felt like you know, you're gonna do what you're gonna do, uhm and go. We did go to lunch my very last day there and he said you know, I know sometimes you know it's really hard, especially when you've already told people that you're gonna do something to go back and kinda retract what, what you said you're gonna do

Det. Diskin: Yea

Tere: Uhm you know especially with close friends and family but you know at the end of the day you gotta do what serves you the most, etc. Uhm but you know I, I had to choose my family. I was traveling a lot with James, uhm, I had already mentioned to him that I couldn't travel as much. I mean like I said I, I took one week maternity leave and at, when my son was eight weeks old I started traveling again with James and it was just non stop so I told James that I wanted to travel less because I wanted to be with my family more and he said Tere, this is a time when I actually need you to travel more. And I thought I can't travel more than what I already am so it was just a combination of things and then in the end I chose to be with my family.

Det. Diskin: Well that sounds like a good choice. Uhm, do you still keep in touch

Tere: Yea

Det. Diskin: with other employees of his?

Tere: Uh, I keep in touch with a lot of people

Det. Diskin: Can, can (Inaudible)

Tere: from that, go ahead

Det. Diskin: I want to see if I can maybe send you an email with my contact information and maybe you could forward it to the people you still keep in contact with and see if they'd be willing to give me a call

Tere: Yea, you know I, I keep in touch with one gal who we're really close and she used to uhm, she used to work with us. Uhm and we've chatted over this situation, she says she's not surprised. Uhm you know uhm with her and I keep in touch with a lot of the people that usually attend his events.

Det. Diskin: Okay. Now the, the, the other employee that you keep in touch with, what was her name?

Tere: Tara Thompson she used to be Tara Thompson at the time except she's been married so her name is Tara Lyons.

Det. Diskin: I don't think her name has come up yet. Uhm we've talked to some of the former employees but, but mostly the most recent uh former employees uh

Tere: You've spoken to Cheryl Stern, haven't you?

Det. Diskin: I really want to talk to her but I do not have her phone number

Tere: She is gonna, she, she, I'm sure she has a lot of information for you

Det. Diskin: Okay

Tere: from what I understand. Uhm and of course this is all third party uhm but from what I understand the reason why she resigned was because of the incident that happened her in San Diego. The woman committing suicide (Inaudible)

Det. Diskin: Yea

Tere: and apparently she, there, there's something hidden there and Cheryl did not like it and basically the Sunday after the event uhm Cheryl went in Monday and basically said I quit. I can't, I mean this is not; there was some, there is something there because for Cheryl to resign. I mean I thought Cheryl would be there for the rest of her life.

Det. Diskin: Uh huh. Well I know a little bit about what happened.

Ter Uhm but she quit.

Det. Diskin: And that's one of the reasons why I wanted to talk to her. Uhm do you have a phone number for her?

Tere: I don't, I could possibly get one. I know she's on FaceBook. I was just speaking with Marilyn Moss who knows her really well and uhm apparently she's still here in [REDACTED]. I don't think she's in [REDACTED] but she's still in [REDACTED]

Det. Diskin: Okay. All right, uhm, yea if I could, if you've got something to write with can give you my contact information or I can, I can send you an email with all that in there.

Tere: Yea uh my email is [REDACTED] That's [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

Det. Diskin: [REDACTED]

Tere: Mmm Hmm

Det. Diskin: Okay. I'll send you an email with my contact information and if you can just forward that to people that you still have contact with and see if they, if you want them to give me a call. Uhm and also if you come up with a phone number for, for uh Cheryl, I was told that she'll talk to us uhm and that she's been waiting for us to call her but I haven't found anybody (Inaudible)

Tere: Yea I think she'll talk to you, yea I think she'll talk to you, I think she's just like, she just wants to, she doesn't want it to be known that, I mean there is some concerns there on her behalf. And I think she's a little spooked about it.

Det. Diskin: Okay

Tere: She thinks James has these like extraordinary powers that you know, he basically with his you know spiritual power juju can create problems for her.

Det. Diskin: Okay

Tere: You know, uhm, because you know James talks about you know, he's studying black magic and all these things so I think Cheryl's a little bit you know, I don't know, she thinks that possibly James might cast a spell on her. Actually I think, that's what Marilyn told me, that she made the comment of that she's afraid that Megan and uh James would cast an evil spell on her.

Det. Diskin: Interesting

Tere: Isn't it though? That, I mean this, none of this surprises me because this is James. I mean I, like I said I know him very well and I hear what the people, when I heard Beverly Bunn, I saw an interview with her, I mean it's like, it just so hit me. And again, I'm like I've heard those words before, I know that it's true.

Det. Diskin: Yea. Alright well I appreciate you talking to me and I'll, I'll send you an email right now with my contact information and I'll keep trying to, to uh get contact information for Cheryl Stern. I think I may know a former employee that I can call that might have that uhm but anyway, if you think of anything else, or you think of anything that might be helpful to our investigation, if you could just give me a call or send me an email, I'd appreciate it.

Tere: Yea, I have a question.

Det. Diskin: Sure

Tere: Why, I don't understand, I mean three people died

Det. Diskin: Right

Tere: I, I mean if you ask me was it negligence on James' behalf I would say absolutely 100%.

Det. Diskin: Okay

Tere: So why is he still free?

Det. Diskin: Well we've had a lot of anger, especially from you know the family. You know the families completely understand now uhm but, but a lot of, a lot of people and the public are upset that he hasn't uh been arrested yet. Uhm but the process for these types of investigations are pretty extensive. There's a lot that goes into this and, and the way that the legal system works is once you make an arrest there's time limits on, on discovery and getting certain

Tere: (Inaudible)

Det. Diskin: Uhm and what I did, I went to California and I, I seized the server for James Ray International which has about 30 terabytes of information on. That's one thing that we need to go through and that could take you know months to go through that. There's, you know, we have to get search warrants and that kind of stuff which we've done. Uhm the uh, we've got I think seven detectives working on this, uhm, we're trying to talk to, to you know past participants of all of his events. Uhm so literally hundreds of people to talk to. Uhm so that there's quite a bit that goes into it before just arresting him. I mean on the surface it looks like well he should have known better, let's arrest him. But you know we need to put the case together uhm before we do that. Uhm

Tere: And I, I, I don't, I wouldn't want to see him arrested cause I mean, I care for him. But at the end of the day I know how he ran his events. I know what went into them and like I said if he were, I mean just tell me was there negligence? I'd say when I was working there? Absolutely! Absolutely.

Det. Diskin: Yea. Okay, well thanks. I appreciate the info and uhm I'll send you an email right now with my contact information so you can, if you have any questions at all feel free to give me a call.

Tere: Yea, I will

Det. Diskin: Okay, thanks, I appreciate it.

Tere: Alright, thanks so much. Bye bye.

Det. Diskin: Alright, bye.

Second conversation with Tere Gingerella and Detective Diskin 11.02.09:

Det. Diskin: There's just so much information out there to get, you know, there's still quite a bit to do, but we want to make sure that we cover everything; we don't want to miss anything.

Tere: Sure, sure. I did talk with my friend Tara and she said absolutely she'll tell you, I mean whatever information she can provide.

Det. Diskin: Okay

Tere: Uhm she'd be happy to provide as well. So I can give you her inf, her number

Det. Diskin: Great

Tere: It's uhm [REDACTED]

Det. Diskin: [REDACTED] okay.

Tere: Yea and her name is Tara Thompson

Det. Diskin: Okay, I'll add that to my list and it may be

Tere: Okay

Det. Diskin: a few days before anybody calls her, uh, but uh yea we've got several people yet to interview but yea we definitely want to talk to everybody. Now uh which events did she participate in?

Tere: Uhm she didn't participate in any events. Uhm she went, did one event with me but it wasn't anything. I mean but she worked at the company.

Det. Diskin: Oh, okay.

Tere: And she helped uhm she was actually, her position was to coordinate the events. Uhm so she was helping plan one of the Sedona events.

Det. Diskin: Okay. Great.

Tere: Yea. Uhm and then one thing that came to mind after I spoke to you because you were asking like you know was anybody, I mean was there ever any incidents; the thing that jogged my memory was that you asked like uhm were there ever any incidents and also uhm you know had there been anybody that wanted to get out and you were kinda; I guess what you were trying to get information on the fact of like was it protocol for James to like tell people to stay. And uhm just this morning it came to me because I received an email message uhm probably like a week and a half ago, two weeks ago when all this first started to uhm happen of somebody who basically wanted to get out of a lodge and I was sitting right next to her and she was starting to have problems and I told James. I go James, JoAnne's having problems, she's having a hard time breathing. And he basically motions with me with his hand like NOT RIGHT NOW and he just said "Silence, the ceremony has begun." And then JoAnne's like it's okay Tere, it's okay. So anyways, I like walked her through it and I was holding her hand and just making sure that she was okay and she ended up sending me an email message just these last couple weeks saying you know, thanks so much Tere, if it hadn't been for you I don't think I would have made it through it, etc., etc. Uhm but I just thought you know cause you were asking the question, you know had you ever experienced a time when it was like you know if somebody was having a hard time it was like leave them alone; you know don't interrupt the ceremony, leave them alone and I was like yea, I experienced that first hand. I mean

Det. Diskin: Okay

Tere: JoAnne who just sent me an email message thanking me for helping her get through that because you know it's kinda like when something like this happens you think oh my gosh that could have been me.

Det. Diskin: Right.

Tere: Yea and then there was another incident. Uhm I don't know if you, there was a different event, but it was in uhm Kona, Hawaii where a friend of mine told me after the fact that uhm she basically passed out, fell out face, flat on her face on the floor and uhm she, you know bleeding at the mouth, a bunch of stuff, and I think it was pretty much the same thing. Like no one touch her, just leave her alone kinda of thing. Uhm you could probably talk to Christine directly and find out exactly what happened then but

Det. Diskin: Okay

Tere: That might give you some insight of you know protocol when certain things like this happen, not even just in Sedona but at other events.

Det. Diskin: Okay. And what's Christine's last name?

Tere: Her last name is Russ R-u-s-s

Det. Diskin: Okay and do you have a phone number for her?

Tere: I don't have a phone number for her but I just actually got an email message from her today. I can give you her email

Det. Diskin: Okay

Tere: Uhm and then there was a time also, I don't know if this helps but uhm after I had already resigned I was asked to help out because James was being sued. Somebody had broken their hand at one of the, at the time it was a Power to Win event

Det. Diskin: Okay

Tere: And when this happened uhm it was kinda the same thing. The woman was you know attempting to break through a board, she broke her hand. It was the woman that was on the late Nightline uhm thing that they did on James. It was her.

Det. Diskin: I didn't see that but

Tere: Yea, she broke her hand and when she broke it, it was basically like the same thing. You know, don't, you know basically let her go, don't make a big deal out of it, blah, blah, blah, and then I remember afterwards I was talking to James about it. I was like should one of us go check on her? And he was like well I don't want to draw attention to it, Tere and I'm like yea but shouldn't one of us check on her? And he goes yea well why don't you go ahead and call her. So I called her room and I remember at the time the woman was really upset, she wanted to talk to James, uh and when I presented it to James as hey this woman's upset, uhm she wants to talk to you directly and he was like I'm not gonna talk to her. He was like Tere, why would I talk to her?

Det. Diskin: Hmm

Tere: And I was like well she's upset, she's basically blaming you for her broken hand and he's like well no, I'm not gonna get involved in that, uhm you know, you need to explain to her that you're on my staff and that's why I pay you and I have you and you're the one that handles these kinds of things for me and uhm you know I can't, I have a whole room of people and I can't leave this event to tend to her. And I know that she was really upset about that, that (Inaudible)

Det. Diskin: Do you remember her name by chance?

Tere: I don't

Det. Diskin: Okay

Tere: The event was in Florida. Uhm and like I said it's the woman that they featured on the uhm Nightline

Det. Diskin: Okay I've got, we've got a media guy that's, uh cause none of us are you know watching the news but we've got a media guy that's trying to report all that kind of stuff uh so that we interview those people later. So we probably already have that.

Tere: yea.

Det. Diskin: Okay

Tere: It was the same thing. Like he wouldn't talk to her and she wanted to and he was just telling me like I'm not gonna deal with it, basically you handle it, so. And then you know you asked the question you know Megan and Josh, you know?

Det. Diskin: Mmm Hmm

Tere: Uhm I, you know you asked if there was anything shady going on there. As far as shadiness I don't know but you know would they lie for James, absolutely. And this morning it just came so clear uhm I had a conversation with him and Megan and she told me like flat out she told me I have no problems with lying. So would she be lying now? I wouldn't put it past her, not one bit.

Det. Diskin: Okay. Alright and uh JoAnne, do you know what her last name is?

Tere: JoAnne Simpson

Det. Diskin: And do you have a phone number for her?

Tere: Uhm I don't, I have an email address for you as well so

Det. Diskin: Okay

Tere: You know can I send you, cause I'm gonna have to pull them up and I'm having a hard time even finding Christine's right now

Det. Diskin: Yea

Tere: Why don't I shoot you an email with both of their email addresses?

Det. Diskin: Perfect

Tere: Does that work?

Det. Diskin: That works great and if you could forward me the emails that they sent to you that would be good to. You don't have to do that but

Tere: Yea I could uhm, I could forward you Suzanne, er JoAnnes. She sent it to me on FaceBook so I don't think I can necessarily forward it but I can cut, copy and paste it into an email for you

Det. Diskin: Okay great.

Tere: Okay, I could do that

Det. Diskin: Okay, and do you think that they'd be willing to talk to me?

Tere: Uh, JoAnne absolutely. I mean we were all a really close group. I think the what has been kinda like the big oh my gosh for us is that Liz Neuman was a really dear, I mean she was part of the group.

Det. Diskin: Mmm Hmm

Tere: You know she was cared and loved by many of us and for us that really hit home. You know of all people, Liz because like I said she was so dedicated and so devoted to James and his mission that you know it just, it just doesn't seem right that of all people it would have been her.

Det. Diskin: Okay. Alright well I appreciate you giving me that additional information and as you think of things if you could just let me know that would be great and

Tere: Yea, for sure

Det. Diskin: let me ask you this. If this were to go to trial would you be willing to testify?

Tere: Yea, a friend of mine died, absolutely.

Det. Diskin: Okay, great. Alright, well I appreciate it and uhm

Tere: It's okay.

Det. Diskin: I'll definitely have somebody contact uh JoAnne and Christine and Tara uh and we'll get, eventually we'll get everybody interviewed hopefully. Uhm but uh let me know if you think of anything else.

Tere: Okay, sounds good.

Det. Diskin: Alright thanks, I appreciate it.

Tere: Alright thank you, bye bye

Det. Diskin: Alright, bye.

End of Interview

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