

*I/V Danielle Granquist 10-09-09 Surak #5742,

On 10/09/09 at the Angel Valley Retreat, I interviewed Danielle Granquist reference her experience during the retreat. Granquist stated that she arrived on 10/03/09 like everyone else, and she stated she did participate in the "vision quest". I asked her what she remembered about the instructions she was given on the "sweat lodge". Granquist stated that they were told they could only go clock wise going into the "sweat lodge" and coming out of the "sweat lodge". She stated that they were given bags with tobacco in them and they would use those to tie up in the lodge. Granquist stated that the tobacco was to signify their intentions about what they are going to do in their lives. She stated that she is not sure if what she remembers next is a hallucination, or if it actually happened. She remembers going to hang one of her tobacco bags up and James Ray telling her she was doing it wrong. She had to start over and she did not want to start over, so she left the "sweat lodge". She thinks it was around the 5th or 6th session.

Granquist stated that it did not take her very long to recover once she got outside, but she attributes that to the fact that she stayed closed to the ground, while inside. Granquist stated that she stayed at the lodge till the end of the 7 sessions and by that time she was fine and was assisting by pulling people out of the lodge. I asked if she assisted with any CPR and she stated no, but she watched.

I asked if she thought anything went wrong. Granquist stated that she felt maybe if they could have gotten people out of the "sweat lodge" faster it may have helped. I asked if people were having problems getting out. She stated that several people were having lots of trouble getting out and would collapse and would have to be pulled out by people waiting outside or staff members. Granquist explained how people had to crawl to get in and out of the lodge and that it seemed the people that had the most problems, had been farthest from the entrance/exit.

End of interview

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