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On 12/05/09 I interviewed Michele Pfankuch. The following is a transcript of that interview:

Michele Pfankuch: Sorry.

Det. Diskin: Yeah, actually I had left you several messages and it turns out I had the wrong phone number the whole time. So I finally have got the correct phone number. But anyway you know we are doing the criminal investigation on James Ray and obviously during the course of that Daniels name came up.

Michele Pfankuch: Certainly.

Det. Diskin: And kind of what we are looking at is if James Ray should have known better, should have known that people could be seriously injured in the sweat lodge and didn't take the proper precautions, so that's why the interview with Daniel is so important and

Michele Pfankuch: Right.

Det. Diskin: It was kind of difficult for me to really comprehend how he was explaining the situation, he kind of feels like he had an out of body experience and never really returned and you know I just kind of just wanted to get your take on that and find out kind of what you think happened.

Michele Pfankuch: Well I definitely think that that was the case with Daniel because he has just never really been the same since then and I guess it's to whatever it's worth, whatever you believe or don't believe but I know what I saw and he was definitely not himself, when he came out of that sweat lodge and I actually, because I was sitting, I actually wasn't sitting next to him, I actually wasn't sitting next to him, I was across from him and I don't know, I don't really know what you want to know.

Det. Diskin: Yeah, kind of what, first of all what did he do, I mean what effect did he have from the sweat lodge?

Michele Pfankuch: Well, when everyone was starting to exit, I had actually gone out for one of the sessions in there, just because I just, I didn't want to lose my composure I guess is the best way to explain it. So I went out and kinda regained you know my awareness and everything and then I actually did go back in, I finished out the whole session. So then as we were leaving out there was a certain way you had to leave so they were dismissing two rows of us and I was in, see if I can remember this, I actually think I was in the back row, and as well as Daniel except he was on the other side of the sweat lodge so I could tell right away that there was something not quite right with Daniel, he refused to go out and I was like, I could tell something just was not right, and so I was actually, him and I, I was actually the very last one out of the sweat lodge. I said no I am

staying behind, I said I gotta stay with Daniel. Something's not right, he doesn't want to leave and so I had actually proceeded to try to encourage him to go out and he just, he didn't even realize who I was, so I knew then that okay he is not here like he's, I don't know where he's at but this is not Daniel, the Daniel I know, and so anyway I proceeded to finally hope him get out, but he just kept saying, I am a Samurai Warrior, I am a Samurai Warrior and then once we got out of the lodge, he proceeded to do; I mean he had, it was unreal, he kind of had what superhuman strength. Like I was almost kind of fearful to even be near him, because he was just so strong and so he proceeded to do this hand stand and he actually walked on his hands and then he fell and he kind of knocked me over and I was just trying the whole time to encourage him, Daniel come back, you know you are not yourself you need to gain some composure here. I was trying to keep him, I guess I was trying to keep him under control because he just didn't realize what he was doing. At one point heat actually and I can't remember the gal's name but at one point he was going to actually, he took this gal and was going to punch her. And I actually sat between them and I think Mickey did too or somebody, some guy did, it might not have been Mickey, but if it wasn't for him and I actually like Daniel had a brief awareness and didn't do anything but he continued to say at this rambling mumbo jumbo on the whole entire time, I am trying to get him to wherever he was, I keep telling him just Daniel you need to come back into your body, you need to come back, anyway it was and then I tried to proceed to cool him down because his body temperature was really hot and during this whole time I was actually pissed because James left. I don't know why he left but he had his own room and everything else and I was actually kind of pissed because there were other people there and I know Mickey and there are some other ones that were actually getting the hose and water and trying to cool some other people down who you know and I actually don't even really know what was going on with them, I was just concentrating on Daniel because you know he was my husband. So at that time I know the owners, I think that they are the ones ultimately ended up actually calling the ambulance and I got pissed at Daniel because I was like listen you know this is going to end up costing us a lot of money for this thing, I was trying, because he was not in his body. I don't care what anybody says but he wasn't, it was not him. And because he didn't want to come back, he, he was, anyway after he gained his composure and stuff he finally did but by that time the ambulance had come and you know we went to the hospital and everything but yeah that whole time, I don't know. I don't know, I know James really encouraged us to stay in the sweat lodge and just you know somewhere I was reading some of this stuff online about it and some of the comments that were made those were the same comments that he was making at the time that we had done it, and at the time we had done it was the most intense I guess he has ever done that sweat lodge, but it's also the most people he has ever had was that first one we had in '05 from my understanding.

Det. Diskin: How many people were in that sweat lodge?

Michele Pfankuch: I think there were close to, I was trying to think, there had to be between 50 and 60 people but I don't remember, I think it was like 56.

Det. Diskin: Okay. And do you remember anybody saying call 911 when Daniel was having problems?

Michele Pfankuch: I actually think yes, somebody did, I don't know who it was, but you know the owners of Angel Valley had actually come down because at that time they had finally realized that listen something is not right, and like I said this entire time every it was interesting to me because I was you know I was coherent, I was hot you know but they had water there, and like I said I was just mainly focusing on Daniel, and then the owners of the Angel Valley came down and I think the woman I can't remember her name I think she is the one that actually called.

Det. Diskin: Yeah, Amayra is the one that called.

Michele Pfankuch: Yeah exactly, so but I don't really remember or recall if anybody said go call 911. I think she just kind of made the executive decision to go and do it, and if I recall right I think some people were saying, no, no, no don't call, don't call, this is my, you know, and then she went ahead and did it, which I am glad she did.

Det. Diskin: Do you remember who was saying no, don't call?

Michele Pfankuch: I don't, no.

Det. Diskin: Okay. Do you know why they would say don't call?

Michele Pfankuch: Well, you know I mean we have a guru doing a sweat lodge you know the ramifications of it I mean you know to me I mean if there are especially if they are under. Some of those people I mean they are so brainwashed by him I think that they ultimately will do anything and everything to protect him. You know that, and I think that he exudes and has a lot of control and power and he actually, James and I had actually, because we'd been to all of his events and there were a couple of times where you know he even confronted me because I just wanted to put up with his bullshit and he knew it, and he didn't like it. And he was always saying you know don't go find teachers outside me, blah, blah, blah and I said bullshit, you are not the only teacher dude.

Det. Diskin: Yeah.

Michele Pfankuch: Anyway, so I mean he did, we had a couple, two events; we had, two events we had two confrontations.

Det. Diskin: What was the nature of that? I mean what was he trying to get you to do that you wouldn't do?

Michele Pfankuch: It wasn't so much what I wasn't willing to do, it was a fact that I felt misled with a couple of different things and here I am, and Daniel you know we are paying all his money and no ones going to say anything, I thought this is bullshit and so I made it my voice, my opinion and I at one point I had told I mean that, I actually told him

in the event with Megan Fredrickson, she is like, you know she is like his right hand person. But before that it was Tere.

Det. Diskin: Gingerella.

Michele Pfankuch: Yep. And then Tere left like during that whole time that Daniel and I were proceeding through the events because I don't know why I never I always kind of felt like she was leaving for a specific reason but nothing was ever said. But with Megan she had actually gone back and of course told James that you know I have no idea what she really shared with him but at one point this was at Modern Magick in Hawaii and then he had confronted me during a little exercise and stuff and was basically say well do you feel like you are getting your moneys worth and I said, I said yeah I feel like I am getting my moneys worth but I said I do feel like I have been mislead with a couple of different things that I was under the impression where we are going to be (Inaudible) blah, blah, blah and then he offered to give his money back (Inaudible) and I said that's not my point. So anyway and then there was another incidence at Practical Mysticism Two, but I mean whatever, he kind of pissed me off with the whole thing, you know with Daniel and stuff cause he disappeared and I just felt like you know what this is your function, you are the leader of this and you need to be here, and you need to be, take some responsibility and ownership for this you know.

Det. Diskin: Yeah.

Michele Pfankuch: But he never did and he never once said you know any thing or apologize or offered to pay the ambulance bill or anything which, you know, is neither here nor there, it's just that I felt like you know he didn't take ownership for it.

Det. Diskin: So, he never made an offer to pay for the medical expenses.

Michele Pfankuch: Nope.

Det. Diskin: Okay.

Michele Pfankuch: And then we had actually after Daniel was released from the hospital, James actually did want to see Daniel and myself and because he had a private room there and stuff and so we had gone to him but it was basically to, you know, there was no apology there, he just wanted to find out what had happened, what Daniel had experienced, basically was all it was. And I honestly think you a lot of it, I don't know what the past sweat lodge events had been like up till this point. I am assuming that he's, they've been the same way but I personally think you know that James was just getting too big for his britches and you know wanted to push more and more people to have you know, out of body experiences through the sweat lodge and not taking into consideration the consequences or the risks that were involved.

Det. Diskin: So, do you think Daniel's problems, do you think they were spiritual or do you think it was physical?

Michele Pfankuch: I'm going to say it was both, because it was a spiritual, I definitely feel it was a spiritual experience just from what I saw and how he was acting but at the same token it just gave him like superhuman strength like he is a strong individual anyway, but I would definitely say it was both, but you know ever sense then he just, he is been very, I don't even know what the right word would be, he is just not completely himself, he is definitely, he almost fragmented is a good way to say it.

Det. Diskin: Yeah, that makes sense, and then the conversation that you guys had with James Ray did he, can you tell me more about that, what exactly was said?

Michele Pfankuch: He just waned to know exactly what Daniel had experienced and so he wanted to meet, Daniel actually went into detail, saying what he had experienced, where he was at and I don't know how much, you know, Daniel was just saying you know that he had experienced and saw geometric shapes and he had also seen, he felt like he was everything and everybody all at once. So which for me I just I really just stood there and listened and stuff and he just wanted to know you know and then he was kind of like well you know I have never had anybody go and have an out of body experience through one of these and I thought James thought it was more cool than anything that he had actually had a student of his be able to go that far, you know and achieve that. I don't even know what you call it, Nirvana I guess or

Det. Diskin: Yeah.

Michele Pfankuch: Some sort of spiritual awakening I guess would be what it would be called.

Det. Diskin: Okay.

Michele Pfankuch: But that's assuming that James was kind of like wow this is cool, you know like and so I almost wondered if that's what he was trying to attempt all these years you know to have other students be able to have that same experience. I don't know.

Det. Diskin: Yeah.

Michele Pfankuch: I do know after the last event you know after Modern Magick you know Daniel and I just both decided that you know we didn't need to do anymore of his events.

Det. Diskin: Okay, and like

Michele Pfankuch: Sorry.

Det. Diskin: It's alright. I talked to Daniel a little bit about what James Ray had said and did James Ray at all apologize? I know you said that he seemed like it was cool that

Daniel had an out of body experience but did he apologize or say you know something went wrong and we need to make sure that doesn't happen again or anything like that.

Michele Pfankuch: Not to my recollection, no.

Det. Diskin: Okay.

Michele Pfankuch: I don't remember him ever saying anything like that. And then I also thought that you know he would like want to come out and at least talk to everybody and stuff after the event because that we were leaving the next day but he wasn't anywhere to be found, it was like he I don't know if he took off early or if he was just hiding in his room until everybody he left or what but we never did see him the next following day. So everybody just kind of left and it was kind of like the event wasn't talked about, it wasn't; nothing, it was just bizarre to me. It's like that's the other thing that pissed me off, it was like, you know what you just have (Inaudible) many people in a sweat lodge, half the people you know same thing that happened at this last one, there were several of them that you know were dehydrated coming out they. They could have easily died. And then Daniel you know his whole experience and then having the ambulance come and stuff but yet you don't want to address or talk to anybody about this or it was just weird to me.

Det. Diskin: Yeah, and when you guys went to the hospital, you went with Daniel, correct?

Michele Pfankuch: I did, I wasn't allowed to ride in the ambulance but there was a couple there that were going through the event and they said we'll take ya, so

Det. Diskin: Did James Ray or any of his staff go to the hospital to check on Daniel or call to see how he was doing or anything like that?

Michele Pfankuch: Nope.

Det. Diskin: Okay. Yeah what, you know I am not saying that this isn't a spiritual event because I believe it is but the effects that Daniel had are consistent with heat stroke and hyperthermia.

Michele Pfankuch: Right.

Det. Diskin: And even if this wasn't a spiritual event if it had gotten that hot his brain had gotten that hot, he would have the same behavior as what occurred in the sweat lodge.

Michele Pfankuch: Right.

Det. Diskin: And you know one of the things that we are looking at we are finding from 2009 that people are still suffering you know permanent damage from this, and

something that we had talked about is it's possible that Daniel had received some type of brain damage just from his brain get too hot. And so I

Michele Pfankuch: So what kind of symptoms would those be Detective?

Det. Diskin: I don't know, because I'm detective, and not a doctor but I had you know we have a meeting scheduled with the medical examiners that did the autopsies for this year and I talked to the prosecutors and asked them you know what we should do with Daniel and they recommended that they believe that if he were to go get a CAT scan the doctor may be able to determine if there was you know damage to brain cells you know consistent with heat stroke or hyperthermia. And I talked to Daniel about that and you know he was willing if it was determined that charges should be filed in 2005, he was willing to be a victim and he was willing to go get a CAT scan but he didn't have any insurance or any money so we were in the process of trying to figure out how to go about doing that. But you know I think that yeah that probably was a spiritual event but I think that there was also damage done.

Michele Pfankuch: Well, yeah, you are going to have physical you know effects of it too.

Det. Diskin: Right.

Michele Pfankuch: So, I can understand that and I believe that.

Det. Diskin: And let me ask you this, I don't know if you kind of talked a little bit about this but, how many people do you think in 2005 came out of there and were in some type of medical distress?

Michele Pfankuch: Oh, my gosh, you know if I had to, I actually had talked to Daniel and I've talked to Mickey too because we were so close when this event happened and I would have to say there were probably 15-20 people.

Det. Diskin: Okay.

Michele Pfankuch: I mean I know some of them they went back to their tents and stuff and then some of them you know I mean I can remember specifically Shaun Hank and Mickey they were helping out people like cooling off their heads and stuff with hoses and water and buckets of water and I mean kind of chaotic, honestly when I came out of there. I mean like I said my main focus at that point was you know Daniel and trying to keep him, I mean I could and there were other guys that, there were a couple of other guys that had to, you know restrain them too, you know from hitting that one gal almost, I mean thank God nothing happened there but.

Det. Diskin: Yeah, I talked to them and they described that and you know some similar things happened in 2009, nobody was pushing anybody but people were crawling under the hot rocks and didn't even know it, you know just completely out of it. One guy crawled underneath the tent. He probably saved his own life but he crawled underneath

the tent. And he doesn't even remember it. You know but there is a lot of stuff like that. You know similar type behavior which now you know before nobody knew to go to the doctor but now these people are going to the doctor and finding that there is actual damage that you know that is being caused by this. People have burnt lungs just from the air being too hot things like that so; you know we are looking at that. You had said something that's kind of intriguing you know just because of the nature of the case we are working but one of the theories in the case was that James Ray was trying to induce hyperthermia so that people would think that they are having an out of body experience.

Michele Pfankuch: Right.

Det. Diskin: You had mentioned that you got the impression that he thought that it was cool that you know Daniel was able to have this out of body experience and that's kind of concerning if he was trying to give people this out of body experience that Daniel received you know which we look at as hyperthermia and he ends up, you know people end up dying. You know that could be one of the elements of the crime.

Michele Pfankuch: Right.

Det. Diskin: You know I really don't have much of an opinion on whether or not he should be charged with a crime. I don't know you know that there is

Michele Pfankuch: I mean I don't really have an opinion either detective I am just telling you what I feel.

Det. Diskin: Right.

Michele Pfankuch: And what I experienced and that's all I can do. What happens outside of that, I mean

Det. Diskin: That's all we want, we just want to put together the facts and say here is the facts of the case, you know presented to you know hopefully a grand jury and they can you know determine, whether or not charges should be filed. I can see justification either way, you know he wasn't trying to kill anybody and nobody is saying that but he may have been trying to basically give people injuries so that they think that they have an out of body experience.

Michele Pfankuch: Right.

Det. Diskin: And that's concerning but you know Daniel and I got more about Daniel didn't talk a lot I mean he would give specific answers to specific questions but he didn't really

Michele Pfankuch: Yeah that's Daniel.

Det. Diskin: He didn't going into a narrative to describe stuff.

Michele Pfankuch: Right.

Det. Diskin: But Mickey and other people did, and what they described you know basically the same thing that everybody else is saying that, Daniel was just a completely different person and you know they don't really from what I remember from those interviews they don't see it as you know just a spiritual thing but that you know there might be some injury there, some permanent damage that caused this. But what they were telling me was that Daniel was you know had a six-figured income, everything was going great, happy and then after this you know in just a few short years he has got nothing.

Michele Pfankuch: Yeah.

Det. Diskin: Do you think that that's a result of the sweat lodge or was he kind of on a downward spiral anyway?

Michele Pfankuch: No, I definitely think and I had this conversation with Daniel because and of course he doesn't agree with me but I definitely think that sweat lodge had a lot to do with a lot of different things, you know I mean we had challenges in our relationship before that but who doesn't, right? You know and I know afterwards it was just I just felt like you know he had a really hard time getting a sense of direction of what he wanted to do and stick with it and so I just you know there were choices and stuff there that he made. That it's like wait a second, you know you, like for instance like a year after that I, not even a year in March of 2006 I actually moved up here to Montana and Daniel would say well let's stay for a year or what, I am going to stay down here because he had a great job at Microns, you know it but I just was getting depressed, I was like I can't stay here anymore in this big city, I need to, you know we have an opportunity; we had bought property up here just like if we going to do this, we need to do this now. I said you have got an opportunity you can work in the same industry at Semi Tool. Anyway a long story short you know he eventually did but he ended up quitting and then he thought he would try a couple of different things that he was just never ever since that time been able to follow through and that's not the person I met before that event. I mean Daniel is pretty goal oriented, he will set a goal and he will just do it but ever since that event it's just like he just wishy-washy he doesn't want to do anything, he doesn't know what he wants to do and I just finally last year he's like I can't take this anymore, I said you know you are depressed, you don't do anything. You know I am working my ass off but you don't choose to go out and do anything, I don't know what to tell you so I think that part of the reason why we are divorced is definitely associated with that. Daniel does not agree with me but I don't know I mean if you really talk to you know I am still good friends with the family and everything else from you know they definitely have noticed a difference in him, you know in the last few years and they don't know a lot about that event just because we just chose not to share with them you know but they definitely noticed a difference in him.

Det. Diskin: Yeah, you know I don't know, I mean if there was damaged I don't know it can be fixed or I don't know that kind of stuff, but you know the first thing that I would like to see happen is just for him to go get a CAT scan or whatever I don't know what test they do to find damage like that but you know and just see if there is anything there. See if there is a reason that this happened other than this you know. I got the impression that he kind of felt like you know he doesn't really have a reason to live, like he

Michele Pfankuch: Oh, yeah.

Det. Diskin: He just doesn't belong here, and I think he even said that that he just doesn't belong here.

Michele Pfankuch: Yeah, several times.

Det. Diskin: That there maybe a lot of you know like him blaming himself for that or him thinking that he is supposed to be this way or he was cheated out of you know that he was going to a better place and the paramedics brought him back and he was cheated out of going to that other place. If he realizes that may be it wasn't spiritual and this was an injury just like if you got in a car accident or anything else it might be easier to deal with. Anyway if you think of anything that I didn't ask you that you think is important to the case, if you can give me a call I would appreciate it.

Michele Pfankuch: I am sorry, I had a hard time hearing your first name.

Det. Diskin: My first name is Ross, R-o-s-s. I have a cold so.

Michele Pfankuch: Okay. So Ross, what's your last name again?

Det. Diskin: Diskin. D-i-s-k-i-n. And do you still keep in touch with people from the sweat lodge in 2005? I mean I know Mickey and some of the others but

Michele Pfankuch: Mickey I do, not a lot, some of the people that were in the event they are still, we still kind of hold onto James' stuff and I just have chosen not to continue my study with him for different reasons. But I still kind of, every so often like I have him on Facebook and stuff and I'll see like Shaun and Bill Hank, I see them. Every now and then I'll talk to them on Facebook or we keep in touch that way. I actually haven't talked to them in probably in over a year but and then Penny Boyd, I was in Arizona and in Scottsdale with my boyfriend that week that that whole event happened and I had gotten some emails from, you know I think it was Penny Boyd and that's how I knew and then I jumped onto Facebook to see if I could find out anything and then Penny was on there and I was communicating with her and I asked her specifically because it wasn't and in the email or anything I said was it the sweat lodge and she said yes and I was like hmm.

Det. Diskin: Were you surprised when you heard that people had died in the sweat lodge? Did that surprise you?

Michele Pfankuch: I don't know if surprise, I mean I definitely was shocked but I don't think I was surprised that that could have happened. Just because I know how much James was pushing it when we did it and like I said I was surprised something hasn't happened sooner than now. But like I said I don't know how he has held that every year and you know and graduates of the events you know you can actually go back to the events and help facilitate to be like a volunteer there.

Det. Diskin: Yeah, the Dream Team.

Michele Pfankuch: Yeah the Dream Team and Daniel and I always felt that we would want to do that at one time but we just never did, which I am kind of glad now but no, I would say Detective, I'm not surprised just because I know that a lot of people did end up getting sick at the sweat lodge when Daniel and I had gone through, you know what I mean and other people, and vomiting and you know overheating and dehydrated and all that stuff was going on. I am surprised no one died then because we were actually in a sweat lodge longer than these people. We were in the sweat lodge, I think Mickey and I had figured it out or he had calculated, it was almost 4 hours.

Det. Diskin: Yeah, that's a long time. Did you ever feel any different or think that there might be any kind of damage or, I mean did you ever feel like that like after you got out of the sweat lodge?

Michele Pfankuch: After I got out of the sweat lodge I could definitely tell I was dehydrated and very overheated. And I know for a few days afterwards probably a good week I was just exhausted really, really tired. I don't know if I have really experienced anything other than that. I mean I am a pretty healthy individual and I listen to my body and I don't care, you know when James was really enforcing the fact that, people to stay in there and I just kind of went against the grain on that and a couple of other people did too and I went out, you know, I wasn't feeling good. I felt like I was going to pass out a couple of times there and a couple of times it actually scared me and so I finally made the decision I was just like I am going to go out and this is not worth it.

Det. Diskin: That was definitely the right decision.

Michele Pfankuch: Yeah.

Det. Diskin: Do you remember how many rounds there were?

Michele Pfankuch: Seven for the seven shakras.

Det. Diskin: And you know if it was about 4 hours and there were probably 30 minute rounds or more, is that correct?

Michele Pfankuch: Yeah that would be about right.

Det. Diskin: And when you left did James do anything to stop you? Did he say don't, don't go or anything?

Michele Pfankuch: Let's see. I don't think so. I did get in trouble because you are supposed to go I think you are supposed to go, I think, how are you supposed to go out? I think you're supposed to go clockwise out and I was just wanting to head for the exit or the entrance so I actually started going off in the wrong direction and then I got called out on it and I had to go the opposite direction but yeah that was the only thing.

Det. Diskin: That was one of the hard parts of getting Kirby and James Shore and the ones that had died, you know, getting them help because people were still feeling like they had to obey the rules and go clockwise which made them go the long way (Inaudible) to get to them and things like that. But one of the other things, I can't remember if I got this from Daniel but you said that he was kind of sitting across from you or the opposite direction from you?

Michele Pfankuch: Yep he was kind of yeah, and I forget the reason why, I don't know why we weren't sitting together because I assumed that we would be but we didn't. But yeah he was kind of sitting across from me and we were both back in the second row so we were the first group to go in and then they brought in the second group.

Det. Diskin: And where was he sitting in relation to the door?

Michele Pfankuch: To the door, he had to be, so you enter in and you are looking straight back into the lodge and you kind of then do like a half circle or whatever when you look through the door. So he would have been on, as you are looking in, he would have been on the right hand side maybe like three quarters of the way back.

Det. Diskin: Okay. So, not quite opposite to door but kind of that general area?

Michele Pfankuch: Right and I was almost in the exact same position except on the left hand side in that row. And actually you know what I was actually sitting next to the gal that died. What's her name again?

Det. Diskin: Liz Neuman.

Michele Pfankuch: I was actually sitting right next to Liz that year. I just remembered that.

Det. Diskin: Yeah she had gone several years in a row.

Michele Pfankuch: Yep. I have been to lot of events with her.

Det. Diskin: When you were in the lodge did anybody have to be drug out of the lodge, did anyone pass out and people were dragging them out?

Michele Pfankuch: I don't know if people passed out but I do know that there were individuals that were definitely being helped out.

Det. Diskin: Okay. Well I can't think of anymore questions right now but if you think of anything that you think could be important, please give us a call.

Michele Pfankuch: Alright Detective, I definitely will.

Det. Diskin: Okay. And I have got a list that I got from Angel Valley of all the 2005 participants and some of their contact information has changed over the years so we haven't been able to get a hold of them. So as you talk to people, if you still communicate with them, if you could just kind of spread the word that we would definitely like to talk to everybody who was there in 2005.

Michele Pfankuch: Okay, yeah for sure. I don't know have you guys talked to Jill and Shawn Hank?

Det. Diskin: Let me check. Nah I interviewed Shawn Hank and you said Jill?

Michele Pfankuch: Jill is his wife, yeah.

Det. Diskin: Is it Jill Simpson?

Michele Pfankuch: No, Jill was there yeah.

Det. Diskin: Different Jill?

Michele Pfankuch: Jill and Shawn are married; I don't even know her maiden name. Jill Simpson was there but that's not her last name anymore I think it's like Hampson, starts with an "H".

Det. Diskin: Yeah I can't remember either but we have attempted contact with everybody there but there's a few people that just

Michele Pfankuch: Well I wouldn't be surprised if some of them won't talk to you.

Det. Diskin: We are seeing that. There was a Marilyn Moss apparently that has a lot of information about the events.

Michele Pfankuch: Oh yeah. She won't talk to you guys?

Michele Pfankuch: No she did but there's a lot of people that won't. They just don't return the phone call so we don't know if they are not willing to talk or what, you know. But we have noticed that some people kind of instead of looking at it kind of neutral, they kind of take sides and say well we are not talking to them because they are out to get James Ray which isn't true, we are just trying to find out the facts.

Michele Pfankuch: Yeah. I actually wouldn't be surprised if Marilyn wasn't willing to talk to you. She went up into lot of different things but I do know that she did talk to Daniel because Daniel talked to me afterwards and had shared that Marilyn had gotten in contact with him just to see how he was doing. It sparked up some interest because everyone that was at that event knew what Daniel had experienced so I am sure that there were quite a few people that wanted to talk to Daniel about it. But I know Marilyn, she's a sweet gal. She actually has been to a lot of James's events and that's one thing that was interesting to me because Daniel had told me that even Marilyn had had a couple of confrontations with James as well but I don't know where she is at as far as like if she still continues to go to his events and is still a diehard. There is a few of them that are real diehards and will probably do everything they can to protect James, they are just not open.

Det. Diskin: It seems like those people that through the years have been his biggest supporters or his most loyal staff members; they are the ones that are the most eager to talk to us it seems like except for the current staff members that are really close to him. But most of even the current staff members have talked to us and been extremely cooperative, they don't work for him now because nobody does but they were very cooperative and a lot of them resigned over this or the suicide event.

Michele Pfankuch: Really?

Det. Diskin: Apparently he came to where he wasn't as approachable as he once was where I guess you just don't tell him when something isn't right.

Michele Pfankuch: Yeah I had kind of heard through the grapevine too that that had happened and I didn't realize that there was a suicide thing at Creating Wealth here not too long ago.

Det. Diskin: It was the one in San Diego where you dress up like homeless people.

Michele Pfankuch: Yep, Creating Absolute Wealth.

Det. Diskin: Right.

Michele Pfankuch: I guess someone was telling me though the year that we did it something happened to a person and I didn't know that.

Det. Diskin: I didn't know that either.

Michele Pfankuch: But I could be off guard to maybe it wasn't but I had thought that someone had told me this. Something had happened to a gal the year that Daniel and I had done it and it was that same year 2005, I don't know though, I could be wrong Detective.

Det. Diskin: Yeah I don't know. You know I wouldn't be surprised, we have heard a lot of different things going on at different events.

Michele Pfankuch: Yeah.

Det. Diskin: But anyway I will let you go and I do appreciate you calling me back.

Michele Pfankuch: My pleasure.

Det. Diskin: Please feel free to give me a call if you have any questions or anymore information.

Michele Pfankuch: Alright sounds good Detective, good luck.

Det. Diskin: Alright thanks.

Michele Pfankuch: Alright bye-bye.

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