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Stanton and Derrel Reply to UPN's Hoax

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Dear Friends:

As mentioned previously, I wrote to Derrel Sims and Stanton Friedman and asked them about their role in UPN's production "Alien Abduction Incident At Lake County". Below is a copy of my letter and their responses to my questions...

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Dear Mr. Friedman (fsphys@brunnet.net):

I, and many others in the UFO community, watched UPN's show the other night in which you appeared and gave your opinions as an investigator and researcher.

The video was an obvious fake and many in the UFO community are outraged. We are boycotting UPN, informing the producers and advertisers of our feelings and spreading the word.

Many find it hard to believe you, Derrel and Yvonne would support such an obvious hoax and theorize that your interviews were edited to make it look like experts were supporting the alleged video of an abduction. It does appear that your comments as well as Derrel's and Yvonne's do not refer to the video directly.

Could you please answer the following questions so many are asking?

1. Did you know your comments would be used to support the alleged abduction video?

Friedman: No of course not. I didn't see the video and haven't seen the program I gave answers to questions about abductions.

2. Did the producers edit your interview to make it LOOK like you were referring to the video when, in fact, you were only referring to abductions in general?

Friedman: I have no idea how they edited my comments. I wasn't asked about the video and said nothing about it.

3. Did you view the alleged abduction video before making your comments and did you believe it to be real or an obvious hoax?

Friedman: I didn't see the video. I haven't seen the video. How can I have an opinion? Everything I have heard indicates that actors were listed and that the probably filmer was a guy named Alioto. I have seen nothing to indicate that either the video was genuine or that UPN said it was genuine.

4. Did the producers tell you the video was in actuality produced with actors and special effects (as listed in the credits at the end of the program) and not a real video of an abduction in progress?

Friedman: It was implied after the interview.

5. This program has openly attempted to discredit you and all researchers who are trying to inform the public of the true nature of abduction phenomena. Can you explain how you came to be involved in this project?

Friedman: I don't understand how the program attempted to discredit me or other researchers. Were my answers off base? Did they give me false credentials? I was called on Dec. 31; trip arranged Jan. 1, I left on Jan 2 stayed overnight, was interviewed Jan.3 , saw my daughter and caught the red eye. Obviously I was contacted because I am well known and have been at it a long time. Would it really have been better if somebody less able to answer the questions rationally had been used? So far nobody has complained about what I actually said or how I said it.  
Hastily, Stan

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And this reply from Derrel Sims (derrel@holman.net):

DEAR AMY,

Thank you for asking,

I was interviewed on the subject of abductions by an interviewer at Dick Clark Productions who asked a series of very general questions about abductions, I signed a release for the interview I gave not knowing that it would be cut and edited into another piece. I was not informed by either the producers, or interviewer, that my comments would be used in a video. I did not see the video. I did not comment on the video in any way. If I had known I was going to be a part of a production--dramatic or otherwise--parts of which I was not being shown, I would not have done the interview. The production entitled "Incident in Lake County" in no way reflects my opinions about the video. I regret the way my image was used. In the future I will scrutinize with great care any requests for my appearances.

Derrel Sims

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It appears no one has complained to Derrel or Stanton about this video nor does it seem that either has seen it. Perhaps those wishing to express their opinions to UPN may also wish to share it with Stanton and Derrel.

Amy

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