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--born Feb. 15, 1939 in St. George Utah. Fifth generation Mormon. Basically grew up in Utah. Grew up among "polygs." Parents were not, but some family members were. Lived with one of Owen Allred's families for a time. Had an aunt that married a brother of Ben LeBaron Sr.

--graduated from high school in Las Vegas, then joined the Navy for 10 years as an electronics technician. Had a top-secret clearance--quit because he didn't think that would jibe with taking a plural wife, which he did in 1967.

--Ross Wesley LeBaron once courted his mother about 1955, and briefly exposed DeWayne to the firstborn church. Later, when he grew disenchanted with Mormonism, he recontacted the firstborners. Saw David Shore and other missionaries, and was impressed. Upset at the Mormon "canned plan."

--he packed up and moved to Colonia LeBaron in Oct. of 1963. His grandfather had settled in Spencerville, down the road, and DeWayne almost moved there in 1949. So he had relatives in the area. "I felt like I'd come home. The whole thing set real good with me."

--initially impressed by Ervil and Bill Tucker. Thought Joel was a "dummy."

--growing up, Hafen remembers that the Mormons used to laugh and snicker at the polygs. "The way I remember the polygs is this way: broke. All the time needing something. I lived with my grandmother for a year or so in Glendale. Every time the polygs would come by, and left, the cellar was empty, the cupboards were empty, all the blankets were gone, and my shoes had disappeared. Not that they swiped 'em, but they were so darn poor, with all those kids and everything, they'd travel around like the Indians in a big 'ol truck...I guess that's the way my relatives remember me now. And there were all those ~~stari~~ horror stories about some old geezer marrying a 12-year-old. Lock up your daughter! There was some truth in that."

--he was a firstborner from 1963-1967 before he took another wife. So polygamy wasn't the prime reason for joining. But says if you believe in Doctrine and Covenants, you have to believe in polygamy. It says either you accept it or you're damned.

--he went to Vietnam for two years--in the Navy full time til '67.

--says the LDS was "panic-stricken" over the firstborners, and their impact. Disintegrated the whole French mission, and prompted a questioning heresy other places they went. "I felt like it shook the Mormon Church from top to bottom. They kid themselves that they'll take on anybody, but they wouldn't take on the firstborners (on doctrine)." He says the firstborners took more of an activist stance than previous breakaway groups; most other groups more passive in that they never renounced Salt Lake per se, just waited around for it to take them back. He says the LDS restructured their church as a result of the firstborners--made the 70's do missionary work, for example. They redesigned the canned plan, less adamant against plural marriage. Says the firstborners attacked them on Black exclusion.

--"They were shook. They really were." They were shook enough to write books against us. They were shook enough to put out directives to all their wards against us." Claims a Mormon woman tried to run him over with a car in Oakland. Says the Firstborn was significant enough that the Mormons stole the name 'Ensign' for their official publication.

--after getting out of the service in '67, Hafen moved his families to Ensenada, where he lived next to two of Ervil's wives, as well as Verlan's families. He worked in Anaheim, had ~~maxx~~ come to know Ervil two years before at Buena Park. Ervil spent much of his time at that point on the road, keeping the outlying people involved and trying to recruit new members.

--He says Ervil was the firstborn church for him. He calls Alma a "dummy, a clodhopper, a farmer." "Ervil was intelligent and he understood people. In doing what he did, he was brilliant. Still is, I suspect."

--But Hafen came to learn that Ervil uses people. He discovered that Ervil had designs on his first wife. Hafen was away all week and commuted on weekends. He was making a lot of money, working all the overtime he could handle at his electronics firm, and he was funneling much of his pay directly to Ervil, since to him, Ervil was the church. He also gave Ervil use of his Standard Oil credit card for his travels. Hafen didn't question Ervil about how the money was being spent. He was statisfied money was going for literature, land and other good causes.

--Clarification: George Hughes had designs on Hafen's wife Juline, *not Ervil* but sought Ervil's advice as to how to pull this off. Hafen killed ~~himself~~ the move, but Ervil ended up stealing George's wife, Vonda. Pissed at Ervil, Hafen cut off the flow of money. Ultimatlately, however, Hafen came back to Ervil, and when the split with Joel came, he sat on the fence but leaned to Ervil after a time.

--Hafen's third wife was one of Nephi Marston's wives. Married her after Nephi was killed.

--Hafen says the Joel-Ervil split was over "who could be head nigger." He thinks Joel compromised on doctrinal points, to keep Ervil from gaining power. He says Ervil's m.o. was to influence the firstborners in the field, those away from Colonia LeBaron. Those in the colony, he thinks, remained largely loyal to Joel. Ervil was abusing free agency.

--"Ervil was working people, he really was. He was working me... People that needed to be fed a line, he was feeding a line. People that had to feel they were getting something, were getting something. There were deals for wives, women, money, land...A lot of people have told me I was a damn fool. Everyone ~~was~~ else was dealing for something. I wasn't dealing for anything. I was just handing over my money." He says the deal makers were mostly those in the states or away from the colony.

--the first time Hafen got to know Joel and the colony group was in the fall of '69 when he quit his job to go picking pinenuts in the China Lake area of California.

--the hold Ervil has: a long discourse here. He begins by saying "it's not really fear," but ends up concluding that it probably is. He says all men (and presumably women) aspire to having their calling and election assured. Must bear lots of children (Says Mormons believe plural marriage is okay after death--is that right?). "The very esence of Godhood is that you can create children." If you do the right things on this earth, you become eligible for Godhood--calling and election granted, second annointings received. Ervil guarantees his followers this, unless ~~maxixx~~ they are a traitor to him (number one), unless they murder or commit adultery. But they may have to murder, or risk being declared a traitor, in enforcing civil law. Thus the chief prerequisite for Ervil's Godhood, seems to be to do as your told above all else. The bottom line is that a follower must accept Ervil as his or her salvation. Ervil also tells his people that they have been exposed to so much privileged info. and secrets, that if they were to want out, they're traitors.

Blood atonement: the only way you can be forgiven for certain crimes is to shed your own blood. Either take your own life, or volunteer to be killed. Thus violent death is preferable over, say, hanging, because you can actually shed blood that way.

--no secret militia as such. This was actually the council of 50-- the political kingdom of God. Actually a council to run a nation someday. Joel organized it. Ervil was president. Didn't have 50 members. Bud Chynoweth was on the council, Warren Foster... This would be the army, the Danites (death squad) the judges, the administrators of the kingdom.

--Hafen says once, Colonia LeBaron had a water rights dispute with some neighboring landowners, and Ervil talked of bringing in tanks, bazookas, and heavy artillery against the transgressors. Hafen told him he was stupid. Ervil may just have been blowing smoke, but Hafen thought he was blowing smoke when he threatened to kill Joel. Ervil told Hafen this when the latter was teaching in Las Vegas in the spring of '72. Ervil was bemoaning the state of affairs in the firstborn church, and Joel in particular. Hafen, who by this time had quit Ervil, asked what he was going to do about it. Ervil said: "Well, we just might have to kill the sonuvabitch." Hafen dismissed the comment as one a 10-year-old braggart might make, and said: "You and who else?"

--Hafen says he's heard Ervil had an outsider kill Rebecca, and that Ervil grew upset when he was presented with the body. Says he got this from Dick Forbes.

mission to Magdalena Sonora. Hafen thinks he was being recruited by the Colonel-Sanders -looking Joe Marston. He had no real allegiances and suspects Marston may have been looking to get him back into Ervil's fold. He thinks Joe is hiding Ramona and Ervil. He had Ramona the day before she vanished. Salt Lake police, FBI and Secret Service asked Hafen if he was willing to go over there. He met an alleged FBI agent on the other side of the border, a ~~guy~~ ^{Mex} employed by an American consulate. The guy insisted on introducing Hafen around to all the Magdalena cops, then took him to a whorehouse, along with the head of the local judicial police, spreading lots of money around. They never made contact with Marston. He was out of town, but Marston has called 50 times since, at Hafen's San Diego number.

--he says the Masons run Mexico--they're rich with political clout. Ervil's always managed to stay close to the Masons. ¶

--Joe Marston told Hafen's wife that he (Joe) was with Ramona the day before she jumped bail.

--says he might try to kidnap Ervil.