

## Joseph Pomeroy - Minutes

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Time: 08:02 am

Attendee's  
Paul Sephton - General Manager (PS)  
Joseph Pomeroy - Driver (JP)

PS	This is a conversation between myself, Paul Sephton, General Manager for the Security team at DPD, and
JP	Joseph Pomeroy Driver at DPD
PS	Thanks, Joseph. The date is the 30th July 2025 and the time is 08:02 hours. So Joe, I want to speak to you about a delivery that you have done in 2023, okay, and as I've explained to you, this is a confidential conversation between myself and you. It can't be discussed outside of this room. It's a public enquiry that's going on at the moment in and around the incident that happened at Southport last year, where there was an attack on a concert, well not a concert but a childcare environment, okay
JP	Yeah, a dance school, yeah
PS	Yeah, dance school, exactly that. So there are just some questions I want to ask you in and around that, okay, about a delivery that you did in 2023. But first of all, I just want to speak to you about you. So how long have you been at DPD for?
JP	About 4 or 5 years now
PS	Okay, and what's been your role at DPD?
JP	Just general driving, just same thing day in, day out. Just load the van, deliver
PS	Okay
JP	Return to depot, do your brief, and go home
PS	Okay, and who do you work for?
JP	John Faulkner
PS	Have you always worked for John?

<b>JP</b>	No, I started for a company, there not here I don't think anymore, called Fudge
<b>PS</b>	Right okay
<b>JP</b>	Started with them for a few months and then moved to John Faulkner
<b>PS</b>	Okay, that's fine. So how long have you been with John for?
<b>JP</b>	About 4 years in total
<b>PS</b>	About 4 years, okay, and do you always cover the same route, or do you cover different routes?
<b>JP</b>	I've done my route since day dot, basically, yeah
<b>PS</b>	Okay
<b>JP</b>	I've done another couple of other routes here and there, around Christmas or
<b>PS</b>	Okay
<b>JP</b>	But basically, that's my route, what I do every day
<b>PS</b>	Okay, and what route is that? What does that cover?
<b>JP</b>	It's changed since I started. I started, it used to be PR9 7,9,8 which is Churchtown, Banks, and then they put 9, 9's, in which is more going towards the town centre, inaudible 3 postcodes, and now I've just got a standalone route of just PR9 8, which is just Banks
<b>PS</b>	Right, okay, that's fine, and you've had all your training on the delivery devices and stuff like, you know, what the different, when you go into make a delivery, the different, so like if you get something like cannot deliver, delivery to neighbour
<b>JP</b>	Yeah, yeah
<b>PS</b>	You know all the differences, so you've had all your training, haven't ya?
<b>JP</b>	Yeah
<b>PS</b>	Okay, so if I ask you about an address, I just want to first ask you, does this address mean anything to you, okay, and it's number 10 Oldschool Close in Banks
<b>JP</b>	Yeah, that's where the murder was
<b>PS</b>	Okay, so have you delivered to that address then?

<b>JP</b>	I remember I have been there once, yeah
<b>PS</b>	Okay, you've been there once. Can you remember when that was?
<b>JP</b>	I couldn't give you a date because, generally, I'm not good with dates and times and things like that, inaudible ID's everything
<b>PS</b>	Okay
<b>JP</b>	But I do remember going there for that reason, later on
<b>PS</b>	Yeah
<b>JP</b>	When it all came to light, what happened, when it happened, inaudible it happened
<b>PS</b>	Yeah
<b>JP</b>	That I've been to that house, and I remember the fella who answered the door to me. He had a terrible attitude, basically
<b>PS</b>	Okay
<b>JP</b>	It was something about a, I'm sure it was either a pin number or there was something, and I couldn't do it because inaudible, do you know what I mean
<b>PS</b>	Okay, so when did you remember that you delivered there after the, when do you remember that you had done that delivery at that address?
<b>JP</b>	Probably after it all happened, inaudible that I'd been to that house and everything
<b>PS</b>	Okay, and has anyone spoken to you about that?
<b>JP</b>	No
<b>PS</b>	Nobodys
<b>JP</b>	No
<b>PS</b>	No, okay, so not really does that mean
<b>JP</b>	Not that I don't think of, not that I can think of
<b>PS</b>	Okay
<b>JP</b>	Inaudible I've probably said to a couple of drivers or whatever, I've delivered there and everything
<b>PS</b>	Yeah

<b>JP</b>	But that's on my route
<b>PS</b>	Okay, can you remember how long before the incident that you delivered there? The incident
<b>JP</b>	No
<b>PS</b>	No
<b>JP</b>	Couldn't tell you that
<b>PS</b>	So, when you have done the deliver,y then what we're talking about, can you just describe that to me, obviously, because you remember it a bit, because you've just mentioned it
<b>JP</b>	Yeah, yeah
<b>PS</b>	Can you just describe what happened, what was the delivery like, how did it go, and what you was delivering
<b>JP</b>	I can't really tell ya, inaudible there was something about that delivery aswell, there was something that obviously stuck in me head or something about it because I'm sure he had an attitude, you could just tell, it was just something about it, if it weren't from him or it weren't for, I don't know but there was something about that delivery and I don't know what it was, I really don't, I can't think
<b>PS</b>	So can you describe the person you delivered to?
<b>JP</b>	Just a black male
<b>PS</b>	Okay
<b>JP</b>	Like older male
<b>PS</b>	When you say older, how old? I'm 47, you're obviously younger than me
<b>JP</b>	46, he was probably older than me
<b>PS</b>	Okay, so it was an adult male
<b>JP</b>	Yeah
<b>PS</b>	Okay, so it wasn't a juvenile
<b>JP</b>	No
<b>PS</b>	Okay, and can you remember what you delivered?
<b>JP</b>	No

PS	And can you remember what it looked like
JP	Couldn't tell ya
PS	Or what it felt like?
JP	No
PS	No. Okay, so on the delivery it's got age check in brackets at the side of the delivered received by and the name it was received by and at the side of that it's got aged checked. What does that mean on a delivery
JP	Ah okay yeah so obviously its ID
PS	Right
JP	Inaudible not to ask someone older, can I have some ID for your age check am I if he's older
PS	Yeah
JP	You know you can blatantly see that he's old enough to
PS	Okay, so what does age check mean?
JP	Well if it's a bottle of booze or a balded item
PS	Yeah, okay so
JP	Don't tell me that's what I had
PS	I don't know what was in the package mate to be honest, but what do you have to go through, so on our system because I've never been a driver, right and I've never been an operator so I don't know the ins and outs of the systems aswell as you guys do. So when you go to complete a delivery, so a bottle of booze for instance
JP	Yeah
PS	You've got to be 18
JP	Yeah
PS	What's the process you go through?
JP	So if there is someone that didn't look 18 to me, I'd ask them or I'd say is someone else in
PS	Yeah
JP	Or if there is someone that you can just blatantly see thats way over

	18
<b>PS</b>	Okay
<b>JP</b>	So for an age check I just say age checked yeah
<b>PS</b>	Okay so you do that visually without checking any documents
<b>JP</b>	Yeah, yeah
<b>PS</b>	Okay so when its shows on our system as age checked on the delivery that means you've just pressed the button to say age has been checked and that's acceptable
<b>JP</b>	Must have yeah, that's what I've done haven't I
<b>PS</b>	I'm asking, no, no is that what the system does? That's what I'm saying to you
<b>JP</b>	Oh yeah it's just a green thumb yeah or no
<b>PS</b>	For age checked
<b>JP</b>	Yeah just yeah or no
<b>PS</b>	And do you have to check any documents?
<b>JP</b>	I've never been told to check documents like, I've never been told to check that
<b>PS</b>	Okay, right so basically
<b>JP</b>	Like I'm saying it was 5 years ago which was go out on a van for a couple of days
<b>PS</b>	Yeah
<b>JP</b>	With another driver and that's it you start, done
<b>PS</b>	So if you went to deliver an item, so say you went to a bottle of booze to my address
<b>JP</b>	Yeah
<b>PS</b>	And I had a 15 year old son, right and you weren't sure whether he was 18 or not
<b>JP</b>	I'd asked ID or if there was an adult there or
<b>PS</b>	And if there was no adult there, what would the process be then
<b>JP</b>	I can't deliver it, just card it and come back tomorrow

<b>PS</b>	Right okay so you don't check documents and stuff
<b>JP</b>	No, no
<b>PS</b>	You don't take pictures of documents
<b>JP</b>	No, it doesn't ask you to do things like that on
<b>PS</b>	Right okay that's fine. So when you've delivered this item then how old would you say the person was that you delivered to?
<b>JP</b>	Like I say he was older than me
<b>PS</b>	Older than you, right okay because it should have been going to female shouldn't it? It was a female it was being delivered to, but obviously you spoken to an older male yeah?
<b>JP</b>	Yeah
<b>PS</b>	And then you've been happy with his age so you've delivered it
<b>JP</b>	Yeah, must have yeah
<b>PS</b>	Right okay
<b>JP</b>	Like I say it's hard to go back and think that far back
<b>PS</b>	Yeah, it's two years mate. Have you delivered to that address before?
<b>JP</b>	I don't think, that's another thing though when I thought when it all happened and
<b>PS</b>	Yeah
<b>JP</b>	I thought I wondered if, but I can't remember going you know there are people that I go to everyday or you know because people some people I stop and talk to sometimes for 5 or 10 minutes
<b>PS</b>	Yeah
<b>JP</b>	Because I've been going there that long
<b>PS</b>	Okay
<b>JP</b>	Sometimes I cant think if, like if I was going there on a regular basis or if I've been there before or more than once or is that the only time I've been there
<b>PS</b>	Okay so there was nothing else really that stood out about that delivery other than what you've already said a little bit of connect with the person you was delivering to over, did you say of a pin or

	something
<b>JP</b>	I don't know I can't think, there was something about the delivery because he, I don't know whether I said I came the day before or something has it been reattempted, I've been there, I don't know I can't think, there was something about that delivery where it weren't right but I don't know, I don't know whether it was, I can't there was just something about it, he had a attitude that's was it basically was, he had an attitude and when inaudible I thought I've been there and you've come maoning at me but
<b>PS</b>	That's fine, okay. Right so nothing else stands out about it, nothing stands out about the parcel
<b>JP</b>	No
<b>PS</b>	No
<b>JP</b>	I can't think of nothing no
<b>PS</b>	Right okay, I've got nothing else to speak to you about at this moment in time, so I'll end this recording now and the time is 08:12