

## **Southport Inquiry**

**Witness Name:** Hamza Ali

**Exhibits:**

**Dated:** 15 October 2025

### **THE SOUTHPORT INQUIRY**

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#### **SECOND WITNESS STATEMENT OF HAMZA ALI**

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I, Hamza Ali, will say as follows: -

**What was your process for entering the name on the Amazon Delivery App when making an age-verified delivery?**

1. When I made an age-verified delivery, I would first ask for the age of the person receiving the delivery, then their name. I would enter this information into the Amazon Delivery App. If the recipient gave a year of birth that made them over 18, I would proceed with the delivery. The app would ask if the recipient looked "under 25" [AMA000115]. If the recipient looked under 25 I would need to ask them to produce some identification "ID". However, as I mentioned in my previous statement (HMA000002), I would always ask for ID unless they genuinely looked old. After processing this I would move onto the next delivery.
2. Based on the evidence, the year of birth entered was 1978, which would have made the recipient around 46 years old. However, as AR was 17 at the time, I am confident I would have asked for ID if the recipient had looked that young. Since 1978 would have made them appear significantly older, I had no reason to question it. Based on the doorbell footage, I was off camera for around 22 seconds completing the delivery. Based on his suspicious order history, it is possible that AR had ID ready and was expecting me to request some ID.

**Did you always ask for the name of the recipient of an age-verified delivery?**

3. Yes, I always asked for the name of the person receiving the delivery. In this case, I entered "Ax Rud," which I believe should have been "Axel Rudakubana." This may have been a typing error. At the time it was raining based on the footage shown in the neighbour's doorbell camera [ ILT000055 ], and the mobile device I used at the time was very sensitive to moisture, which sometimes caused touchscreen issues.
4. It's also possible the recipient rushed the delivery or spoke quickly, which happens quite often. Some recipients can be impatient or even close the door abruptly, which can lead to mistakes when entering names. Another possibility is that the recipient provided a false name or spelling.
5. It's difficult to recall the exact details now, but these explanations are based on my previous experience as a delivery driver and what I can reasonably conclude from the evidence provided.

**Did you always enter the name that was given to you by the recipient of the delivery on the Amazon Delivery App?**

6. Yes, I always entered the name provided by the recipient. I never made up or intentionally changed any names. However, it's possible I may have misheard the name slightly.
7. Based on Amazon's evidence, "Ax Rud" is very similar to "Axel Rudakubana," so it's possible I misheard or mistyped the name. I understand that entering an incorrect name can affect how the delivery appears in evidence, but I can only base my response on what seems most likely given the information available to me.

**Did you ever enter the name of the person to whom the delivery was addressed rather than, for example, a name given by the recipient?**

8. No, I only entered the name given to me by the person accepting the delivery. I would not knowingly enter the name of someone else.

**The name Ax would appear to refer to AR who was 17 years old at the time of delivery. The year of birth entered was 1978. Are you able to explain why Ax was entered on the Amazon Delivery App?**

9. As explained in question 2, I don't specifically remember entering the name "Ax." If it was entered, it would have been because that was the name provided to me by the person who accepted the delivery. I did not know AR personally and relied on the information given to me at the door.

**Based on the name given (Ax) and year of birth (1978) provided, do you think that you delivered the knives to AR or Alphonse Rudakubana?**

10. I cannot say for certain. I delivered the parcel to the person who answered the door and gave me the name and year of birth that I entered into the app. I don't recall seeing AR or his father myself, and I relied on the information given to me by the recipient. The name and age provided indicated an adult, so I had no reason to believe the recipient was under 18.

Statement of Truth

I believe that the facts stated in this witness statement are true to the best of my knowledge and belief.

Signed: **Signature**

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