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## SEX-CHANGE SECURICOR

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A SECURICOR supervisor has been sacked . . . in an amazing sex-change storm.

Father - of - three John Mabe announced eight months ago that he was becoming Miss Joanne Mabe. Securicor gave "Joanne" their blessing—and woman's uniform.

Blond Mabe, 48, added a perm, a bra, heavy make-up, nail varnish ... and a handbag.

But he finally got the boot. Colleagues said that outraged Securicor customers complained to the firm. Now Mabe — backed by union chiefs — may take Securicor to an industrial tribunal for unfair dismissal.

Claim

Mabe, who was a £115a-week parcels division supervisor at Woking, Surrey, said last night:



"The sacking came out of

"Securicor would only

"But I don't believe

say it was for commercial

customers complained—I just want my job back." The General and Muni-

cipal Workers' Union is

the blue.

reasons.

holding talks with Securicor. Mabe worked for the firm for seven

years. Mabe, who is divorced, plans to undergo a £5,000 sex - change operation.

"Doctors say I've first got to live as a woman for a year," said Mabe, who lives alone in a caravan at Pyrford, Woking.

Securicor declined to discuss the sacking.



Mabe . . he turned up for work with a handbag