SEXECHANGE

By RICHARD ELLIS

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 a 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 the blue.

"Securicor would only say it was for commercial reasons.

"But I don't believe customers complained-I just want my job back."
The General and Muni-

cipal Workers' Union is

holding talks 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