

# EXTRACTS FROM THE DERBAH TAPES

With the movement of original defence material between three firms of lawyers, 43 cassette tape recordings between Paul Blanchard and Mohammed Derbah were lost; however, 134 were eventually found by Bindmans solicitors of London. These cassette tape recordings are 2 hours duration each side, making a total of 536 hours of recordings between Paul Blanchard and Mohamed Derbah, and/or his associates. Here are just a few examples:

Derbah referring to a female employee called Melisa: ***“She is a bitch, I will kill her. She took the computer. I swear to God I can make her to follow her son to die today”***

- Several tapes refer to Derbah putting people in prison or getting them out (His influence over the Chief of police in Tenerife)
- Numerous references to Derbah meeting his police connections.
- The general flavour of Derbah’s personality during the conversations is one of a bully, with a gangster mentality.
- Derbah in reference to Wim De Groot: ***“I’m going to finish Wim for 6 years”***
- (Isobel was the office manager for Wim De Groot who Derbah had arrested and imprisoned for 6 years) **Isobel refers to Derbah has been very Dangerous**
- There is a reference to the Chief of police going to Derbah’s office to get him out of a problem.
- Derbah referring to Isobel: ***“She’s a bitch, I will get her locked up”***
- Derbah referring to Isobel: ***“I would love to smash her”***
- Derbah referring to Isobel: ***“I will kill her”***
- Derbah referring to Isobel: ***“I’m going to Isobel’s house and search, going to smash Isobel up”***
- Derbah referring to Natalie Mackenzie (a former employee):

***“(she will have) a problem with her life, official or anywhere”***

- Isobel referring to Derbah:

***“He (Derbah) broke into Wim’s house on Friday afternoon. Wim is so afraid. Mo wants to fuck Wim. He made threats and his life (Wim’s) is unliveable. Wim says he has been forced by Mo to do anything”***

- Isobel referring to Derbah: ***“Mo kills everyone, they are gangsters”***
- Isobel referring to Derbah:

***“Mo wants to take over Wim’s company. Every Thursday he has to pay Mo a percentage. Mo fed up with Wim and is going to take over. Wim say’s its total war. States Sam (Derbah’s brother and enforcer) went to his office and made a gesture to shoot him”***