

Cognition in Action – Mock eyewitness Interview

Below are the typed-up notes from the mock eyewitness scenario interviews that took place in class on Monday 27th January 2025 based on the image of the scene provided.

Please make explicit reference to this activity and consider the differences in comments noted by the “eyewitnesses” as part of your essay arguments when linking to the theory and research of the factors that may influence decisions in a police line-up.

Eyewitness (EW) reports of what they saw in the image:

EW 1:

Bookshelves to left
Desk chair
Laptop behind bookshelf
Boxes on floor
To right was bed – not made and covered in clothes
Behind bed was two windows
Room is chaotic
Clothes everywhere – floor, bed
Couldn't see man's feet – covered in clothes
Could be a student
Under window was sideboard
Microwave
Food boxes
Posters on wall
Laptop on bed
Curtains drawn bar one
Full of clothes
Looked like a tinder date
He was standing in the middle of the room and looked dodgy
Blue dark washed jeans
Light grey t-shirt
His height was 5.7/5.8 and medium build
Mousy hair a couple of inches long
Short beard and moustache
Left hand was red
Dark and dingy
Looked concerned, shocked he was found out, angry
Could not describe eyes but a decent nose and sharp jaw
Information was on the laptop

Additional points from EW 2:

Full head of brown hair
Wouldn't want to take pictures with him
Face is blank

Mid to high 20s
Collar and neck bones are defined
Looks like a character from call of duty
Looked withdrawn from expression
Puffy straight hair, up
Face was low key hench
Well moisturised – skin care was good
No acne
Beard is smooth
Light modern beard
His body did not match the room
Room looked musty/dusty

Additional points from EW 3:

Top was very low cut
Fairly athletic
Room was dark but lamp was on, but it was dim
Loads of books on shelf and around room
Stood dramatically in the middle of the room
No visible crime – just standing there in mess
Clean shaven

Additional points from EW 4:

Nothing in hand
Grainy image
Wrinkly blue t-shirt
White
Shaggy brown hair
Stubble on face
Desk in background
Laptop on
Left hand obscured
Staring intently
Red item on floor
Looked washed out
Looked like shaggy from scooby-doo
Skinny