

## **Words and comments that have been used by young people in ‘Joyride?’ workshops about individual characters:**

### **Police Officer 1: PC Smith.**

- **Upset.**
- **Had enough.**
- **Can’t take any more.**
- **Hates criminals.**
- **Had a bad day.**
- **Do the Police really do that?**
- **Bad attitude.**

### **Victim’s Mum: Sandra.**

- **Oh my God.**
- **Suicidal.**
- **Angry.**
- **It should have been me.**
- **Revenge.**
- **Devastated.**
- **Why her?**

**The Offender:  
Phil Thompson.**

- **He should have been the one to be killed.**
- **He made a stupid decision.**
- **It could have been his mate's fault.**
- **He should go to prison for life.**
- **He chose to hang around with the wrong people.**
- **He should have listened to his parents.**
- **He deserves whatever he gets.**

**Phil's Mum:  
Jenny Thompson.**

- **Jenny is a good Mum.**
- **She should spend more time at home.**
- **She should have been stricter with Phil.**
- **Jenny puts the younger children first.**
- **She doesn't get on with Mike.**
- **Where are the younger children?**
- **Parents have to work these days to afford to live.**

**Phil's Dad:  
Mike Thompson.**

- **He's a cool Dad.**
- **He's not interested in his Son.**
- **He should have forced Phil to stay in.**
- **Dads should always know where their kids are.**
- **He could have phoned Phil and told him to come in.**
- **He's a crap Dad.**
- **If he brought Phil up properly, he would have been a good boy.**

**Reporter:  
Paul.**

- **They just tell lies.**
- **Newspapers only like bad news.**
- **TV News is best, but it's only for adults.**
- **Hearsay makes situations worse.**
- **They have an important role because they can make it a big deal or not.**
- **The Press should ask kids what they think, instead of just adults.**
- **You get different information from different Reporters.**

**Witness:  
Berresford.**

- **She just wanted to get herself in the papers.**
- **She couldn't have seen much from inside the house.**
- **She should mind her own business.**
- **She did the right thing.**
- **Too many people just ignore things.**
- **Phil's mates will say she's a 'grass'.**
- **If it had been my sister that had been killed, I would want everyone to say what he or she had seen.**

**Victim:  
Natalie.**

- **I feel really sorry for her.**
- **Natalie could have been anything she wanted to be.**
- **Parents will be so upset they will wish they had been killed instead.**
- **I can just see an empty bedroom.**
- **Natalie's friends will want revenge on the Joy rider and his friends.**
- **It will be really sad at school, because her friends will never get over it.**
- **Maybe she should have taken a safer route home.**