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\$20,000 raiders speed through roadblock

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Three men escaped with \$20,000 from a Causeway Bay restaurant after their Mercedes-Benz sped through a police roadblock and hit a passerby yesterday.

The thieves broke open the metal shutter covering the front door of the Paper Moon restaurant in Kingston Street, prised open the safe and stole the money at 3.30am.

They fled in the grey car which was ordered to stop at a police roadblock in Paterson Street near the junction with Great George Street.

"The car first slowed down in front of our roadblock and then sped through and away. Arriving at the junction, it knocked down a male pedestrian and drove off," a police officer said.

The 73-year-old man was treated for arm injuries at Tang Shiu Kin Hospital and later discharged.

The vehicle was found abandoned in Ngan Mok Street near Tin Hau MTR station. Bags of coins stolen from the restaurant were found in the car, each containing \$50.

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his lawyer.

Chan and Wong Fung-kei were arrested after a police raid on the Ma Tso Lung shack on January 18 last year.

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They were caught moving plastic barrels meant for storage of the explosives from the Tai Wo compound, it is alleged. The cache was in 326 bags inside polystyrene boxes marked "fish".

Wong, 44, and the other accused man, Lau Cheuk-fan, 32, remained in custody. Lau was arrested at his Sai Kung home.

All three - alleged accomplices of a man referred to as "Person A" - have pleaded not guilty to possession of explosives with intent to endanger life or property.

Despite 11 days of virtually uninterrupted surveillance, police did not catch Chan on videotape.

Traces of ammonium nitrate were allegedly found on the bodies or clothing of all three.

The case continues today in the Court of First Instance before Mr Justice Peter Nguyen.

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