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\$75,000 rewards offered on gun snatching cases

POLICE yesterday offered rewards totalling \$75,000 for information leading to the arrest and conviction of culprits responsible for the two gun snatching cases on Monday and the recovery of the three missing Police revolvers, most papers reported prominently today.

Most papers carried an identikit of a man wanted in connection with the snatching of two Police revolvers in Kowloon City.

Quoting Police sources, the papers said a "hot line" had been set up by the Special Crimes Bureau to receive information round the clock.

A reward of \$50,000 was offered for the first gun snatching case in South Wall Road, Kowloon City, where two patrolling constables were attacked by four armed men at about 1 a.m. on Monday.

Police hoped to contact taxi drivers who might have picked up suspicious passengers in the vicinity of Tung Tau Estate and the Walled City about the time of the incident.

Information was also sought from anyone who

might have seen four men abandon a green Opel in Fort Street, North Point, between 3.30 and 4 a.m. on the same morning.

It was believed that the vehicle, which was a stolen car, had carried the gun snatchers who had earlier broken through a Police road-block on Hong Kong Island.

A \$25,000 reward was offered for information on the second incident in which a detective constable was robbed of his service revolver and six rounds of ammunition in Morse Park by two thugs on Monday night.

Police appealed for help particularly from taxi and hired car drivers operating in the area at about 11.30 p.m. that night.

Editorially, Ching Po called on the Police to be on the alert for robberies while

making efforts to recover all missing guns.