

QUEENSLAND POLICE SERVICE



Attempted Murder of POLICE OFFICERS \$500,000 REWARD

REWARD: The Minister for Police and Minister for Corrective Services has approved an increase in the reward of \$500,000.00 be offered for information which leads to the apprehension and conviction of the person or persons responsible for the attempted murder of two police officers at Browns Plains on 24 March 1999. This increase will remain effective for a period of twelve months from time of publishment.

<u>INDEMNITY FROM PROSECUTION</u>: In addition, an appropriate indemnity from prosecution will be recommended for any accomplice, not being the person who actually committed the crime, who first gives such information. The allocation of the \$500,000.00 reward will be at the sole discretion of the Commissioner of the Queensland Police Service.

<u>CIRCUMSTANCES</u>: At 8.25am on Wednesday 24 March 1999, as staff arrived at the National Australia Bank, Browns Plains, two male offenders forced entry into the premises and detained those present at gunpoint. The offenders then forced staff to open the safes during which a silent alarm was activated. As a result, two police officers attended. Upon being admitted to the premises and without provocation, Constable Neil SCUTTS was shot and wounded. Constable Perminder SINGH was also fired upon as he approached the rear of the bank. The offenders then decamped from the premises taking two staff members hostage. Upon reaching Browns Plains Road, the offenders stopped and seized a white Daihatsu Feroza four-wheel drive at gunpoint. The offenders removed the driver from the Daihatsu and released the two staff members before decamping in this vehicle, which was later found abandoned at Ingham's Chickens, Park Ridge.

Any member of the public with information which could assist Police is asked to contact:

Logan District Criminal Investigation Branch Any Police Station; or Crime Stoppers

Phone (07) 3826 1814;

Phone 1800 333 000;



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