

# Police open fire in Tai Po

Police are investigating a Police open fire case in Tai Po yesterday (April 3) afternoon.

At about 3.30pm, Police received a report from a 47-year-old male private car driver that he had carried four male passengers from Tai Wai to Lau Fau Shan in the afternoon. When arriving near Ha Pak Nai, Nim Wan Road in Tin Shui Wai, a passenger pointed a knife at him, robbed his private car together with some \$1000 cash, and fled away.

At around 4pm, a male officer located the private car at Fanling Highway near Hong Lok Yuen and signaled it to stop. However, the private car reversed and knocked down his police motorcycle. The officer sustained minor injury and was sent to Alice Ho Miu Ling Nethersole Hospital in conscious state.

After that, the private car fled along Fanling Highway towards Tai Po (North) direction, during which it collided with two light goods vehicles. The private car then rushed forward and attempted to knock down another male officer nearby. The officer drew his pistol and gave verbal warnings but in vain, and subsequently fired one shot at the car.

Officers later intercepted the private car on Po Nga Road near Tai Wo Estate. Four men on the private car, aged between 16 and 27, were arrested for robbery and taking conveyance without authority. Among them, an 18-year-old man was also arrested for dangerous driving. Upon further investigation, he was arrested for driving without a licence and driving without third party insurance as well. All the arrestees are being detained for further enquiries.

Police seized a knife in the private car in suspected connection with the case. Investigation by the Regional Crime Unit of New Territories North is underway.

Anyone who witnessed the incident or has any information to offer is urged to contact the investigating officers on 3661 3356.