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## Masked robbers

POLICE were today hunting two robbers wearing Scream masks who struck twice within minutes.

The two black-hooded attackers wielding a knife and crowbar jumped out at a 40-year-old man on North Road, Wallsend, just before midnight on Saturday, demanding cash.

Their second victim, a 45-year-old man, was hit across the face with the metal bar as he walked along West Street.

One of the attackers is described as 5'8, of medium build, wearing dark clothing and a black and white Scream mask.

The other, also wearing a black and white mask, is described as 5'5, of slim build.

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# HOME FOR CHRISTMAS

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BACK TOGETHER: Yasmin Bannister, right, with twin sister Erin

## Twin wins fight to celebrate with sister and parents

IDENTICAL twin Yasmin Bannister was home for Christmas today.

Little battler Yasmin was born with a serious heart condition and spent her first 15 months in and out of hospital.

But today she was reunited with sister Erin and delighted parents Anna and Paul.

Anna, 28, said the family were looking forward to their best Christmas ever at home in Ponteland.

"It's so lovely having them both home.

"It makes all the difference seeing them playing together. It just means we can start getting on with our lives again.

"This year has been full of so many ups and downs - I'd never have believed we were going to get through it."

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