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\$50,000 reward to flush out park killer

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THE State Government is offering a \$50,000 reward for the killer of a man who was beaten to death and robbed of his Christmas shopping in December.

The Police Minister, Mr Crabtree said it was hoped the reward might help find the killer or killers.

The murdered man was Richard Slater, 69, of Cooks Hill, Newcastle.

Mr Slater was beaten unconscious in a public lavatory in Birdwood Park, Newcastle, on December 19.

He died in Royal Newcastle Hospital next day.

Ticket

Mr Slater had gone to a shopping centre in Hunter St, Newcastle, in the morning to do some Christmas shopping.

He took \$30 and bought himself a lottery ticket before he started to walk to his home about 2 km away.

Police found the blood-stained lottery ticket in Mr Slater's shirt pocket, but his black vinyl clip wallet was not found.

Murder's plea