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RSIPF arrest and charge 42-year-old man on allegation of indecent assault in Honiara

Officers of the Royal Solomon Islands Police Force (RSIPF) Sexual Assault Team have charged a 42-year-old man for indecent assault following an incident which happened in Honiara on 29 November 2018.

Officer-In-charge of the Sexual Assault Team at the Rove Police Headquarters in Honiara Sergeant Rose Nala explains: "It is alleged that on 29 November 2018 the suspect indecently assaulted the 15-year-old girl. The suspect is a person in a position of trust for the victim."

"The matter was reported to the Sexual Assault Team on 30 November and the suspect was arrested the same day and charged for one count of indecent assault," explains Sergeant Nala.

She says, "This is a sad incident especially when somebody with trust resorts to this unwanted behavior instead of protecting the victim from such a crime."

Assistant Commissioner of Police, Crime and Intelligence Ian Vaevaso says, "Sexual offences in the country are unfortunately increasing. I want to urge all community leaders, chiefs, women and church leaders, and parents to make sure the lives of our women and girls are not endangered at all times. We must work together to make sure that our country is safe so our women and girls can move freely without being harassed."

AC Vaevaso adds: "Parents should be taking a leading role in ensuring our daughters are protected at all times. Do not trust any male relative to be alone with our young girls."

Members of the public are encouraged to report any sexual offence by calling the RSIPF toll free line 999 or Seif Ples on the free toll line 132

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