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Three men rape a 13-year-old girl in Central Province

Police at Tulagi in Central Province are investigating an allegation of rape of a 13-year-old girl at Ghole Village in Central Province on the 20 December 2018.

Supervising Provincial Police Commander (PPC) Central Province, Inspector Hugo Maelasi says, "On 24 December 2018, Tulagi Police attended to the report of the rape incident which occurred on 20 December 2018 at around 1pm in afternoon."

PPC Maelasi says, "It was alleged that on that day victim was playing with other village children at the beach while it was raining. The victim left the playing ground and run to the village rest house to have shelter awaiting the rain to stop. The victim sitting at the Veranda not knowing three suspects all from the same village came towards victims back and pulled her both hands, shut her mouth and drag her into a room."

Mr Maelasi says, "From there they took out her clothes and forced her to have sex. The trio allegedly have sexual intercourse with her one by one. Victim struggled but cannot make any effort to escape."

Inspector Maelasi says, "Tulagi Police are working on an operation plan to arrest the three suspects upon advice from the Police investigation team and we will deal with the matter and prosecute them."

He says "I would like to advice my good people of Central Province to have some respect to our young girls. Our young girls play very important roles in our communities. They are our future leaders, they are also one of the instrumental aspect in life in which we must have respect for them as a law abiding people."

"The community leaders and parents must advice our young people to stay calm from such activity. Rape is a serious offence which anyone can serve life imprisonment for it. On this note I want to appeal to our good community leaders of Ghole Village to work with the police to capture this suspects and bring them before justice," says PPC Maelasi.

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