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Murder suspect surrenders to police in Western Province

A 52-year-old murder suspect surrenders himself to Gizo police with the help of Buleana community leaders at Vela La Vela in Western Province on 7 January 2019.

Provincial Police Commander (PPC) Western Province, Chief Superintendent Mathias Lenialu says, "Buleana murder suspect has given himself to the police and currently he is in police custody in Gizo this morning (07 January 2019)."

PPC Lenialu says, "This morning police has received a telephone call from Buleana community leaders requesting police to go down to the village and get the murder suspect."

Chief Superintendent Lenialu says, "The suspect has been handed over to Gizo Police Station by community leaders from Buleana, a good sign of working together with police."

The suspect was on the run after alleged murder of a 22-year-old male person at Buleana community in Vela La Vela on 31 December 2018.

PPC Lenialu appreciates the way community leaders at Buleana in Vela La Vela to hand over safely the suspect to police. It is a scenario that police always aspire base on the Crime Prevention Strategy. We work together to keep our community free from Crime.

He says, that the suspect has been charged for Murder under section 200 of the Penal Code and police will apply to remand the suspect since the nature of the case very sensitive.

Police call on both parties to refrain from taking the laws in to your own hands but allow police to investigate and deal with the matter.

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