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### **Police arrest man for alleged rape of 16-year-old girl in Guadalcanal Province**

Police at the Henderson Police Station in Guadalcanal Province have arrested a 33-year-old man for the alleged rape of a 16-year-old girl in a cocoa plantation at K-G Seven in the Tenaru area of Central Guadalcanal on 27 January 2019.

Supervising Provincial Police Commander (PPC) Guadalcanal Province, Superintendent Nixson Manetoga says, "It is alleged the defendant showed his private part to the victim and grabbed her and laid her on the ground in the cocoa plantation and had sexual intercourse with the victim."

Superintendent Manetoga adds: "It is alleged the victim struggled and tried to call out for help but the suspect told her that if she struggled he will cut her."

PPC Manetoga says, "This is another sad rape incident case occurring in Guadalcanal Province. Let me remind the public that the penalty for rape is life imprisonment."

The suspect has been charged for rape contrary to section (1) (a) & (b) of the Penal Code, Sexual Amendment Act 2016.

The suspect has been remanded at the Rove Correctional Service Solomon Islands (CSSI) and will appear before the Honiara Central Magistrates Court on 18 February 2019.

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