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Police arrest man for allegedly attacking wife in Malaita

A 37-year-old man in Malaita Province is facing a charge of assault causing actual bodily harm when he appeared in the Auki Magistrates Court on 7 February 2019.

Malaita Provincial Police Criminal Investigating Officer (PCIO), Inspector James Teilo says, "The case of the 37-year-old man was adjourned for 14 days by the Auki Magistrates Court."

"Police is alleging that the defendant attacked his 35-year-old wife on 3 February 2019, during an argument at Namokiki Village in the Maoro area of Central Kwara'ae in Malaita Province. Police at Auki arrested the defendant the next day," says PCIO Teilo.

He says, "Our investigation revealed that the victim (wife) had allegedly sustained severe injuries to her nose as a result of the defendant's attack but her condition was alleged to be stable according to medical staff. And I would like to urge couples not to take laws into their own hands by resorting to violence but instead resolve their differences in a peaceful manner."

Inspector Teilo appeals to community leaders to help police prevent crime from happening by stepping in when they see quarrels by members of their communities instead of leaving it until it has got worse and someone is injured.

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