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### Man remanded in custody following death of his brother in Malaita

A man in his 20's has been remanded in custody today ( 8 August 2019) on a charge of murder after officers of the Royal Solomon Islands Police Force (RSIPF) in Auki, Malaita Province arrested him this week.

During his weekly media conference today, Commissioner of Police Matthew Varley says, "The man, who is being remanded in the Correctional Service Solomon Islands (CSSI) Centre at Auki, is alleged to have caused the death of his younger brother during a fight at Ambu Village near Auki on 2 August 2019."

"It is alleged the deceased brother acted in a disorderly manner by uttering abusive words. The older brother got angry and an argument started which resulted in the older brother stabbing his young brother with a small knife. Sadly the young brother died as result of the alleged stabbing," adds Commissioner Varley.

Commissioner Varley says, "It was a tragic incident costing a life of a young man. Our condolences to the families of the deceased."

The man's next court appearance is on 22 August 2019 in the Auki Magistrates' Court.

Investigation into the matter is continuing.

Commissioner Varley appeals to anyone at Ambu Village who may have witnessed the incident to come forward to police at Auki and assist with this investigation.

Police at Auki can be contacted through phones: 40224/40070 or 40132.

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