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### **Police arrest and charge man for damaging SIBC office in Western Province**

Officers of the Royal Solomon Islands Police Force (RSIPF) in Gizo have arrested a 28-year-old man for partly damaging the office of the Solomon Islands Broadcasting Corporation (SIBC) at the Western Provincial capital on 9 September 2019.

Provincial Police Commander (PPC) Western Province, Chief Superintendent Mathias Lenialu says, "The suspect was charged and released on bail for malicious damage at Gizo police station on the 9 September 2019."

PPC Lenialu says, "It will be alleged in Court that on 1 June 2019 the suspect threw stones onto the glass walling of the SIBC studio in Gizo."

"We have been unable to arrest the suspect soon after the incident as he escaped from police. The suspect will appear in the Gizo Magistrates' Court on 30 September 2019."

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