

Media Release

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## RSIPF arrests male person for allegation of raping a young girl in Honiara

Officers of the Royal Solomon Island Police Force have arrested an adult male person for allegedly raping a 7-year-old girl at the National Museum area in Central Honiara on 15 October 2019.

Provincial Police Commander (PPC) Honiara City, Chief Superintendent Stanly Riolo says, "My officers formally arrested the suspect yesterday (15 October 2019) and placed him in police custody as the investigation continues."

"It is a sad incident that happened during the International Rural Women's Day commemoration held at the National Museum in Honiara."

PPC Riolo says, "The suspect was handed over to police by the Honiara City Law Enforcement Officers yesterday. Police greatly appreciates this quick action."

"I encourage all parents and guardians to be very careful when you are moving around with your young children in the capital city. Always keep an eye on their movement and do not allow them to wander far from you," PPC Riolo emphasizes.

Police appeals to any member of the public who was around at the time of the alleged incident at the National Museum to go to the Central Police Station and give whatever information may assist the investigation into the sad incident.

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<b>Media inquiries</b> RSIPF Media Unit: 24016 or 23800 Ext 239	The Royal Solomon Islands Police Force (RSIPF) was established in 1954. Its mission is 'To provide a safe and peaceful Solomon Islands by strengthening relationships with the community'. The RSIPF strive to provide efficient and effective policing services for the Solomon Islands and expect RSIPF officers to adhere to the RSIPF
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