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RSIPF investigates death of adult male person in Central Province

Officers of the Royal Solomon Island Police Force (RSIPF) in Tulagi are investigating the death of an adult male person from Wagina in his 50s at the Tulagi wharf in Central Province on 16 January 2020.

Acting Provincial Police Commander (PPC) Central Province, Inspector Hugo Maelasi says, "It is believed that prior to his death the deceased was consuming alcohol with his crewmates on board the vessel '360 Flayers' on the evening of 16 January 2020."

"At about 11pm, some of the crew retired to have their rest while others were still drinking with other seamen on the wharf. On return to the vessel, two of the crew of the '360 Flayers' discovered the body of the deceased lying on the entrance stairway of the ship."

"The two crew thought the deceased was alive so they managed to lay him properly on the floor but at about 6am on 17 January they found him dead," says PPC Maelasi

He explains: "Police at Tulagi have started investigating the death incident including interviewing members of the ship's crew. I call on others who were in the area that night to come forward with any information that may help in the investigation."

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