

Media Release

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## **RSIPF** arrests suspect for alleged murder in Central Province

Officers of the Royal Solomon Islands Police Force (RSIPF) at the Tulagi Police Station in the Central Province have arrested and charged a suspect in an alleged murder incident of a 25-year-old male person at Halavo on 5 April 2021.

Operation Manager Central Province Inspector George Mouli says, "An initial report on the incident says that the deceased and the suspect had an argument. As the argument heated up both suspect and deceased struggled and as a result the suspect grabbed a knife and cut the victim on the left side of his head and stabbed him on the right side of his stomach."

Inspector Mouli says, "The matter was reported at the Tulagi Police Station and officers attended the report and arrested the suspect and placed him in the cell. The deceased was transported to the Tulagi Mini Hospital and later referred to the National Referral Hospital (NRH) but pronounced death on the way to Honiara."

"My condolences to the family of the deceased for the tragic loss of one of their loved one," says Inspector Mouli."

The suspect has been dealt with and charged with murder contrary to section 200 of the Penal Code. He has been remanded at the Rove Correctional Centre in Honiara to appear in Court at a later date.

Inspector Mouli adds, "I call on relatives of both the suspect and deceased in the incident to refrain from any retaliation and allow police to investigate the matter. I appeal to people of Halavo Village who may have any information about the incident to come forward and supply the information to investigators at the Tulagi Police Station."

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