



## Royal Solomon Islands Police Force

Press release

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### **RSIPF arrests female following death of a newborn baby in Honiara**

Officers of the Royal Solomon Island Police Force (RSIPF) at Central Police Station have arrested a 22-year-old female following the discovery of the dead body of an infant baby found lying beside a small stream at Matariu area in Central Honiara on 4 May 2021.

Provincial Police Commander (PPC) Honiara City Superintendent John Matamaru says, "Officers from the Criminal Investigation Department (CID) of Central Police Station have identified the suspect. The suspect in this sad incident from Arosi in Makira-Ulawa Province. She is now at the Central Police Station for further dealings.

PPC Matamaru says, "I have given instruction to police officers to locate relatives and any other close associates who might assist Police with related information that subsequently triggers her to take such horrific action."

"The suspect has been charged with murder contrary to section 200 of the Penal Code and likely to be remanded at the Correctional Service of Solomon Islands (CSSI) awaiting her court date," says Superintendent Matamaru.

Superintendent says, "My condolence for the death of this innocent child. May her soul rest in peace."

"I appeal to people in and around the Matariu area to assist police at the Central Police Station with any information that may relate to the death of this innocent child," says PPC Matamaru.

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The suspect was identified and is currently with our CID officers.  
Relevant documents have been submitted to NRH in preparation for the pot mortem.  
Arrangement for remand in progress and likely tomorrow.