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### **A 44-year-old male person having sexual intercourse with an elderly mother in Central Province**

Officers of the Royal Solomon Island Police Force (RSIPF) at Tulagi Police Station in the Central Province have arrested a 44-year-old male person for allegedly having sexual intercourse with an elderly mother.

The victim in this case is about 65 to 70 year-old from Vuturua village in small Ngela and the incident occurred on 8 May 2021.

Commissioner of Police Mostyn Mangau says, "It is alleged that the suspect did the act to elderly mother in the kitchen between 8 and 9am on 8 May 2021 while she bent down busy making the oven fire for pudding. The suspect came in at the back of the elderly women while she bent down and having sexual intercourse with her."

Commissioner Mangau adds, "The matter was reported to Tulagi Police Station with the help of the Chiefs, Crime Prevention Committees (CPCs) and community elders. The suspect was formally arrested by police and placed in police custody for further dealing."

"The suspect has been charged with one count of incest by males contrary to section 163 (1) of the Penal Code and escorted to Honiara Central Magistrates' Court on remand application."

The suspect now remanded at Rove Correctional Services of Solomon Island (CSSI) as of yesterday (12 May 2021) and will be appear in court on a later date for his trial.

Commissioner Mangau stated, "The act is inhuman which police will not tolerate such incident. I appeal to members of the communities in and around Vuturua village who may have any information about the incident to come forward and assist police investigators."

I strongly condemn the alleged incident in the strongest term and appeal to members of the communities in Central Province to cooperate and work together with police and report such incidents in a timely manner as the law will not tolerate such inhumane action of our women and girls," says Commissioner.

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