

Press release

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Seven suspects convicted and imprisoned during recent court circuit in Choiseul Province

A recent four-day court circuit at Taro in Choiseul Province heard 51 cases resulting in the conviction and imprisonment of seven suspects after being found guilty of various charges.

The court circuit held by a Magistrate, Police prosecutors from Gizo and Taro, a Court clerk and a lawyer from the Public Solicitor's Office from 10 to 14 May 2021.

The seven suspects were convicted and imprisoned for;

- House breaking Contrary to Section 300 (a) of the penal code
- Malicious damage Contrary to Section 326 (1) of the Penal Code and
- Common assault Contrary to Section 244 of the Penal Code;

All convicted defendants were transported to Gizo Correctional Centre in Western Province where they were served their terms in prison.

The rest of the 51 cases has resulted in fines, further adjournments, resummon, and suspended sentence and dismissals.

Provincial Police Commander (PPC) Choiseul Province, Superintendent Vincent Eria says, "On behalf of the Royal Solomon Island Police Force (RSIPF) and people of Choiseul Province I would like to thank the office of the Chief Magistrate for scheduling the court circuits for this year."

"I want to warn all my good people in Choiseul Province not to take the laws into your own hands. Our laws are there to protect us and to ensure we respect one another in our communities," says PPC Eria.

Superintendent Eria adds: "I want to thank all my Officers for the hard work rendered towards the court and also the people of Choiseul for their assistances to have this court done successfully."

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