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RSIPF investigates fatal accident in Malaita Province

Officers of the Royal Solomon Islands Police Force (RSIPF) at the Auki police station in Malaita Province are investigating a fatal traffic accident at Kwaibala River that has claimed a life on 14 June 2021.

Police Commissioner Mostyn Mangau says, "The vehicle was return from Kwaibala to Auki town when suddenly the vehicle drive out of the road in to the Kwaibala River."

Commissioner Mangau explains, "While the vehicle in the river, the owner of the vehicle (deceased) told the four passengers including the driver to swim out of the vehicle as it sinks into the river. The owner (deceased) was sitting on the passenger seat next to the driver's seat who was rescued after few minutes in the water."

"Police attended the incident and transported the vehicle owner (deceased) to Kilu'ufi hospital where he was pronounce dead."

Mangau adds, "According to the initial report, it was revealed that the driver of the vehicle and the owner have been under the influence of alcohol."

The driver of the vehicle is now under police custody awaiting further dealings.

"I appeal to all vehicle drivers not to drink and drive. It was not allowed under Road and Transport Act because you are putting your own life and someone's life in danger," says Commissioner Mangau.

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