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Police arrest a 50-year-old male suspect for raping a 27-year-old female in Makira-Ulawa Province

Officers of the Royal Solomon Islands Police Force (RSIPF) at Kirakira in Makira-Ulawa Province have arrested a 50-year-old male suspect on 16 July 2021 for raping a 27-year-old female on two separate occasions in 2019 and 2021.

Provincial Police Commander (PPC) Makira-Ulawa Province, Superintendent Peter Sitai says it is alleged that the male person in his 50s had sexual intercourse with a 27-year-old woman without her consent in two separate occasions.

PPC Sitai says the first incident happened on an unknown date in June 2019 and the second incident happened on 4 June 2021. The rape incidents had occurred at Abuiahi settlement via Piapia village in West Makira.

Superintendent Sitai says the matter was reported to police on the 4 June 2021 and investigation was carried out. The suspect was charged with two counts of rape and will appear at Kirakira Magistrates' Court on a later date. The suspect was remanded at Kirakira Correctional Centre.

Mr Sitai said I would like to thank police officers involved with the investigation and the arrest of the suspect. It has not been easy as the suspect had been on the run trying to avoid police after the matter was reported. I would like to thank the members of Crime Prevention Committee's for your great support to easily arrest the suspect.

"I further appeal to the members of the public in and around West Makira who may have any information in relation to the matter to come forward and assist police investigation. You can call Kirakira police on phone 50299," says PPC Sitai.

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