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### RSIPF arrests male suspect for domestic violence in Honiara

Officers of the Royal Solomon Islands Police Force (RSIPF) at the Central Police Station in Honiara have arrested and charged a male suspect for domestic violence in Honiara on 11 June 2021

Initial report said the complainant was awakened by a loud music from drunken boys in the early hours on that day at Vara creek area. The victim got up and approached the group of boys to stop playing loud music, which was causing disturbances.

It was alleged at that time the accused grabbed her hair, pulled her down, and punched her face with his right hand closed fist. He also scratched her chin with his sharp nails and as a result, the victim sustained minor bruises on her body.

Supervising Provincial Police Commander (PPC) Honiara City, Superintendent John Matamaru says, "The matter was reported at the Central Police Station by the victim and investigation was carried out. The suspect was later arrested and placed in a cell at the Central Police Station watch house."

PPC Matamaru says, "The accused was later released and dealt with accordingly. He was charged with the offence of domestic violence- physical abuse contrary to section 4 (1) (a) and section 58 (1) and (2) of the Family Protection Act."

PPC Matamaru adds, "The accused was bailed to appear at the Honiara Central Magistrates' Court on 19 July 2021. His matter was adjourned to appear again at the Honiara Central Magistrates' Court on 10 August 2021."

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