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### RSIPF investigates sudden death incident in Makira Ulawa Province

Officers of the Royal Solomon Islands Police Force (RSIPF) at Kirakira Police Station in Makira-Ulawa Province are investigating a sudden death incident of a male person in his 30s on 4 November 2021.

Initial reports said that the deceased climbed a tree purposely to collect fruit leaf (korokua) for chewing betel nut. Suddenly the deceased fell off from the top of the tree and landed on the ground. While on the ground, the deceased called for help.

Provincial Police Commander (PPC) Makira-Ulawa Province Superintendent Peter Sitai says, "Police and relatives transported the deceased to Kirakira Hospital and later pronounced dead by health authorities."

PPC Sitai says, "The body of the deceased was later transported to his home village for proper burial. No post mortem was conducted as relatives accept his death."

Mr. Sitai says, "Police call on the communities in and around Makira-Ulawa Province to seriously consider making good decisions before climbing tall trees for whatever purposes. It is risky and costs lives."

"My condolences to the family and relatives for the loss of their loved one."

"I appeal to those who might have information to come forward and assist police with investigation," says PPC Sitai

Kirakira police can be contacted on phone 50299 or 50266.

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