

## Royal Solomon Islands Police Force Media Release

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## Police arrest four suspects for malicious damage and criminal trespass in Central Province

Officers of the Royal Solomon Island Police Force (RSIPF) at Tulagi Police Station in Central Province have arrested four male suspects aged between 22 to 64 -year-old for malicious damage and criminal trespass at the Siota Provincial Secondary School on 11 November 2021.

Initial reports said that the suspects were drunk when they unlawfully entered the school compound and damaged several staff houses and staff properties while they were sleeping. The suspects also damage the water tank which supplies water for the whole school during the incident.

Provincial Police Commander (PPC) Central Province Superintendent David Soakai says, "The matter was reported to police and the suspects were arrested and placed in police custody at the Tulagi Police Station."

PPC Soakai says, "They were later released and charged for the offence of malicious damage Contrary to Section 326 of the Penal Code and Criminal trespass Contrary to Section 189 (2) of the Penal Code. The suspects will be listed for court on the current court circuit that under way in Tulagi."

Superintendent Soakai says, "I appeal to people around Central Province to respect our teachers serving in the province and school properties. Our teachers are there to educate and develop our children in education. Please consult your chiefs, elders, Crime Prevention Committees (CPCs) or the police if you have any disagreement with anyone in the community."

"Police will not tolerate anyone with no care attitude, being ignorant and disrespecting people in our communities," says PPC Soakai.

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