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Police arrest a 69-year-old male person for burning his son's dwelling house in Central Province

Officers of the Royal Solomon Island Police Force (RSIPF) at Tulagi Police Station have arrested a 69-year-old male suspect for burning his son's dwelling house at Longapolo village in small Ngella on 14 November 2021.

Provincial Police Commander (PPC) Central Province, Superintendent David says it will be alleged that about 3pm in the afternoon, on Saturday 13 November 2021, the suspects went to the victim's dwelling house with a container containing petrol then poured the petrol in the dwelling house and shortly after that, he struck a handle matches and set fire on the house.

PPC Soakai says the incident happened after an argument between the suspect and his son over beche-de-mer, which created frustration to the suspect, and he decided to burn his son's house.

Superintendent Soakai says, "Both top part of a dwelling house including its roof was fully burnt down and nothing was left inside. Beddings, clothing and other properties were all burnt down. The victim and family were only left with the clothes they wore."

Mr. Soakai says police look at the possibility to lay charge of Arson Contrary to Section 319 of the Penal Code and remand the suspect while investigation continues on this incident.

"It is really a sad incident and I call on my good people in Central Province to avoid such to happen in our communities. Community leaders, chiefs and church leaders are there to assist in dealing with problems in our communities. Seek them for help to avoid such to happen," says PPC Soakai.

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