

Royal Solomon Islands Police Force Media Release

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Police investigating a brutal murder of a 14-year-old girl in Temotu **Province**

Officers of the Royal Solomon Island Police Force (RSIPF) at Lata in Temotu Province have are investigating a brutal murder of a 14-year-old girl in Temotu province.

RSIPF Commissioner Mr. Mostyn Mangau says, "The incident occurred on the 12 September 2022 at Malua bushland in Reef Islands. It is alleged that the young girl was raped before they killed her."

Commissioner Mangau says, "Medical report revealed that the deceased forehead skull was fractured including the nose. A wound was also seen on the right side neck of the deceased.

Mr. Mangau says, "The real motive behind the brutal killing is still subject to investigation to find it out but let's not detail too much on it since the investigation is ongoing."

He says, "Few suspects in relation to the murder incident have been identified. Currently investigation into the matter is continuing. When finalising investigations possible arrest will be made."

"My condolences to the immediate family members for the loss of their loved one during this time," says Commissioner Mangau.

The Police Chief appealed to the people in Reef Islands to work closely with police by providing more information in relation to the matter. This will help us to bring those responsible to justice.

Lata Police can be contacted on phone 53184 or call the police free toll line on phone 999.

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