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### **RSIPF arrests and charge a 38-year-old mother following death of a newborn baby in Central Province**

Royal Solomon Islands Police Force (RSIPF) officers at Tulagi in Central Island Province have arrested and charged a 38-year-old mother on 29 December 2022 following the discovery of a dead body of an infant found washed ashore at Boromole village on 21 December 2022.

Provincial Police Commander (PPC) Central Province Superintendent David Soakai says, "Officers from the Criminal Investigation Department (CID) of Tulagi Police Station have identified the suspect. The suspect in this sad incident is from Foia Village in Malaita Province."

"The suspect has been charged with infanticide Contrary to Section 206 of the Penal Code (cap 26) and is now remanded at the Rove Correctional Service of Solomon Islands (CSSI) and will reappear in the Honiara Central Magistrate's Court for her first mention on 14 January 2023," Superintendent Soakai adds.

"My condolence for the death of this innocent child. May her soul rest in peace."

"As investigation into this matter continues, I want to remind women and girls that taking your child's life is an act of inhumanity. This is a serious crime and you will face the full force of justice for your actions," PPC Soakai emphasizes.

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