Royal Solomon Islands Police Force

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Teen arrested for stealing yamaha engine in Northwest Choiseul

Police at Taro Police Station in Choiseul Province have arrested a 17-year-old suspected of stealing a 15hp Yamaha engine from a village in Northwest Choiseul.

The victim, a close relative of the suspect, locked the engine in a family shed. Days later, the victim returned to the shed to use the engine to assist a member of their community and found out that engine is missing along with other valuable items valued at about SBD$25,000.

Choiseul Provincial Police Commander (PPC), Superintendent Berry Pogesopa, said initial reports alleged that the suspect entered the shed through a space created after removing timbers from the shed's wall.

The matter was reported to the police and police eventually made an arrest. The suspect was charged with a felony count. The break-in breached section 300 (a) of the Penal Code.

The suspect was released on bail and will appear before the Taro Magistrate Court on a later date.

Police have noted the rise of break-ins and thefts and is urging the public to take extra care in securing their property to prevent such crimes from occurring.

Superintendent Pogesopa said their investigation into this matter is ongoing and anyone with information relating to the matter is encouraged to contact Taro Police on telephone 63199 or 63100 or call in to their station with the report.

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