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### **Two suspects remanded for 14 days in relation to the suspicious death of a 7-year-old girl in Western Province**

Officers of the Royal Solomon Islands police force (RSIPF) at Gizo in the Western Province have remanded two suspects in relation to a suspicious death of a 7-year-old girl who went missing on 14 October 2021.

Both suspects are currently remanded for 14 days at Gizo Correctional Centre as of 20 October 2021.

Assistant Commissioner for Crime and Intelligence Patricia Leta says, “Initial reports stated that the deceased told her elder siblings on their way home after school as they walked together that she was hungry so she started running ahead of them to quickly reach home.”

“She reached a sharp bend of the main road where her siblings were not able to see her. When her siblings arrived home they did not see her, that is when they alerted their parents, and the search began.” AC Leta adds

“A day passed with no sign of her until the next day on 16 October 2021 as the search continued they managed to find only her school bag containing her slippers and her school uniform hidden within the root of a tree.”

Police officers at Ringi and Poitete attended the scene with a doctor and confirmed that the body found was lifeless.

Investigation into this matter continues to make sure responsible people face justice for their actions.

My condolences to the family of the deceased for the loss of their little girl

Till mid-morning on 18 October 2021 the body of the deceased was discovered inside a creek and was in a state of decomposition.

“Police urges parents to look out for your little ones and always take extra care especially for females who have seen to be the victim in such sad incidents. Children this age cannot fight for themselves and should be accompanied by adults.

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