

Royal Solomon Islands Police Force Media Release

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RSIPF welcomes call for royal commission of inquiry into drug saga

The Royal Solomon Island Police Force (RSIPF) welcomes the call for a royal commission of inquiry into the drug saga.

The RSIPF believes that a thorough inquiry will provide clarity and accountability regarding the issues surrounding these allegations.

The RSIPF accepted this call so that a neutral body could investigate the matter and provide its findings and recommendations for possible improvements.

Police are not confusing the public on this drug matter, as mentioned by Mr. Alfred Sasako. The RSIPF believes its actions to destroy the drugs are transparent and adhere to the best practices and legal processes of this country.

The RSIPF is committed to cooperating fully with the inquiry to restore public trust. The RSIPF recognizes that addressing public concerns is important for maintaining community safety and confidence.

As alleged by Mr. Alfred Sasako, three times a bribe has been offered to the exhibit officer on the consignment. If the officer knows that offering money is a bribe, why should he or she take immediate action as an exhibit officer to report the matter of the bribe for investigation purposes?

Giving or offering money to any police officer is an offense under the Police Act and other legislation. Legislation outlines strict penalties for both the giver and receiver of a bribe, emphasizing the importance of integrity in law enforcement.

By taking such action, it will help to deal with those involved. Taking punitive action is good not only for upholding the integrity of the position but also for bringing trust and confidence within the community on RSIPF.

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