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### **A 30-year-old male suspect was arrested for damaging a church building in Malaita province.**

Auki police have arrested a 30-year-old male suspect in connection with the recent destruction of a church building belonging to the Oibola community in the Langa Langa lagoon, Malaita Province.

Supervising Provincial Police Commander (PPC) for Malaita Province, Superintendent Michael Ramosaea, said the suspect was under the influence of liquor when he allegedly damaged the church building.

PPC Ramosaea said, "In addition to the church building, the suspect reportedly destroyed a signboard belonging to the Oibola Crime Prevention Committee (CPC)."

Mr. Ramosaea stated, "The matter was reported to the police, and the suspect was apprehended in Auki. He was formally arrested and charged with the offense of malicious damage contrary to section 326 of the penal code.

Supervising PPC Ramosaea commended the support of local community leaders in assisting the police and urged youths to respect communal property and uphold community values.

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