



Royal Solomon Islands Police Force

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Two suspects arrested for OBM engine theft in Choiseul Province

Taro police have arrested two young male suspects for the theft incident of a 40-horsepower Outboard Motor (OBM) engine at Supizae in Choiseul Province on 28 January 2026.

It was alleged that two suspects removed the engine from the boat anchored in front of the owner's residence in the early hours of 28 January 2026.

Supervising Provincial Police Commander (PPC) of Choiseul Province, Inspector Ronald Chite, said the arrests were made after a case was launched with Taro police on the same day.

PPC Chite said the engine was successfully recovered at a nearby river leading toward the Choiseul Bay waterfall.

The suspects were charged with simple larceny and were later released on bail. They are expected to appear in court on a later date.

Taro police remain committed to addressing property-related offenses within Choiseul Province and continue to work to ensure the safety and security of the community is provided.

Police urge members of the public to quickly report any criminal activities or suspicious behavior in communities.

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