



# Royal Solomon Islands Police Force

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## **A police-marked vehicle accident, police officer under investigation**

A police-marked vehicle hit a tree on the roadside at Gracious Bay in Temotu province early this morning on 21 March 2026.

Supervising Provincial Police Commander (PPC) of Temotu Province, Inspector Walter Leleina, said a police officer who was allegedly involved in the vehicle accident is under initial police investigation.

PPC Leleina said the initial investigation has been conducted, and when it comes through my office, I will forward the case to the Professional Standard Internal Investigation (PSII) Department for further dealings.

Inspector Leleina said at the moment it is too early to determine what the possible cause of the accident is, and we wait for the investigators to find out.

"Villagers at Gracious Bay are urged to remain patient as investigators gather all relevant information to determine the cause of the accident," said Mr. Leleina.

He said a decision to put an officer on suspension under half pay is a matter for the recommendation of PSII to the Commissioner of Police to decide on, not my office. It is a sad incident, but those actions taken are of help to deal with the officer.

The provincial police chief said the investigation will take time, as thorough assessments are necessary to ensure that all aspects are considered. In the meantime, it is good for those who have any information regarding the accident to assist investigators with more information.

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