



Royal Solomon Islands Police Force

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Police arrest a 16-year-old male suspect for rape incident in WP

Police in Gizo have arrested a 16-year-old male suspect for allegedly raping a 4-year-old girl in Marovo Lagoon, Western Province (WP) recently.

It was alleged that the suspect went to the victim's house and asked the victim to follow him to a garden to look for the victim's mother.

When they arrived at the garden, the suspect ordered the victim to remove her clothes, but she refused. The suspect undressed the victim, forced her on to the ground and raped her.

The defendant was arrested and dealt with and charged with one count of rape contrary to sections 136F (1) (a) & (b) of the Penal Code (Cap 26), as amended by the Penal Code (Amendment) (Sexual Offences) Act 2016.

Police will not tolerate such behaviour. Anyone who has experienced a similar incident or has been threatened is encouraged to come forward and report the matter to the nearest police station.

Your information can help police take appropriate action against offenders and make our communities a safer place.

Parents and guardians have an important responsibility to protect their daughters from potential perpetrators. Avoid sending children or leaving them home alone every day, particularly those vulnerable children.

Children and vulnerable persons need our protection and guidance. We must remain vigilant and take reasonable precautions to ensure their safety is guaranteed.

Let us work together as parents, guardians and members of the community to strengthen the protection of our daughters and keep them safe from harm.

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