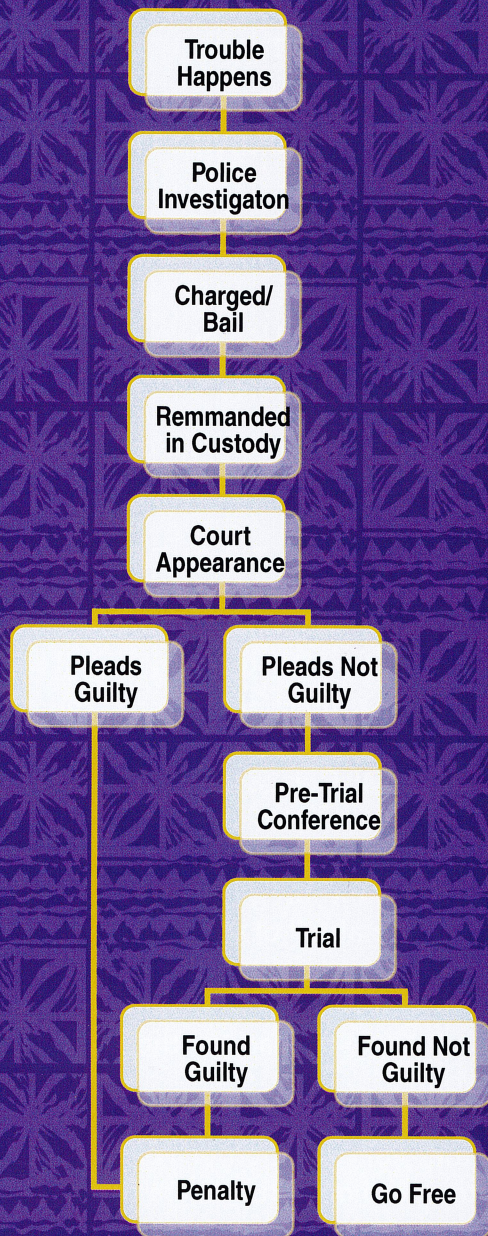


LEGAL PROCESS AFTER COMPLAINT HAS BEEN MADE



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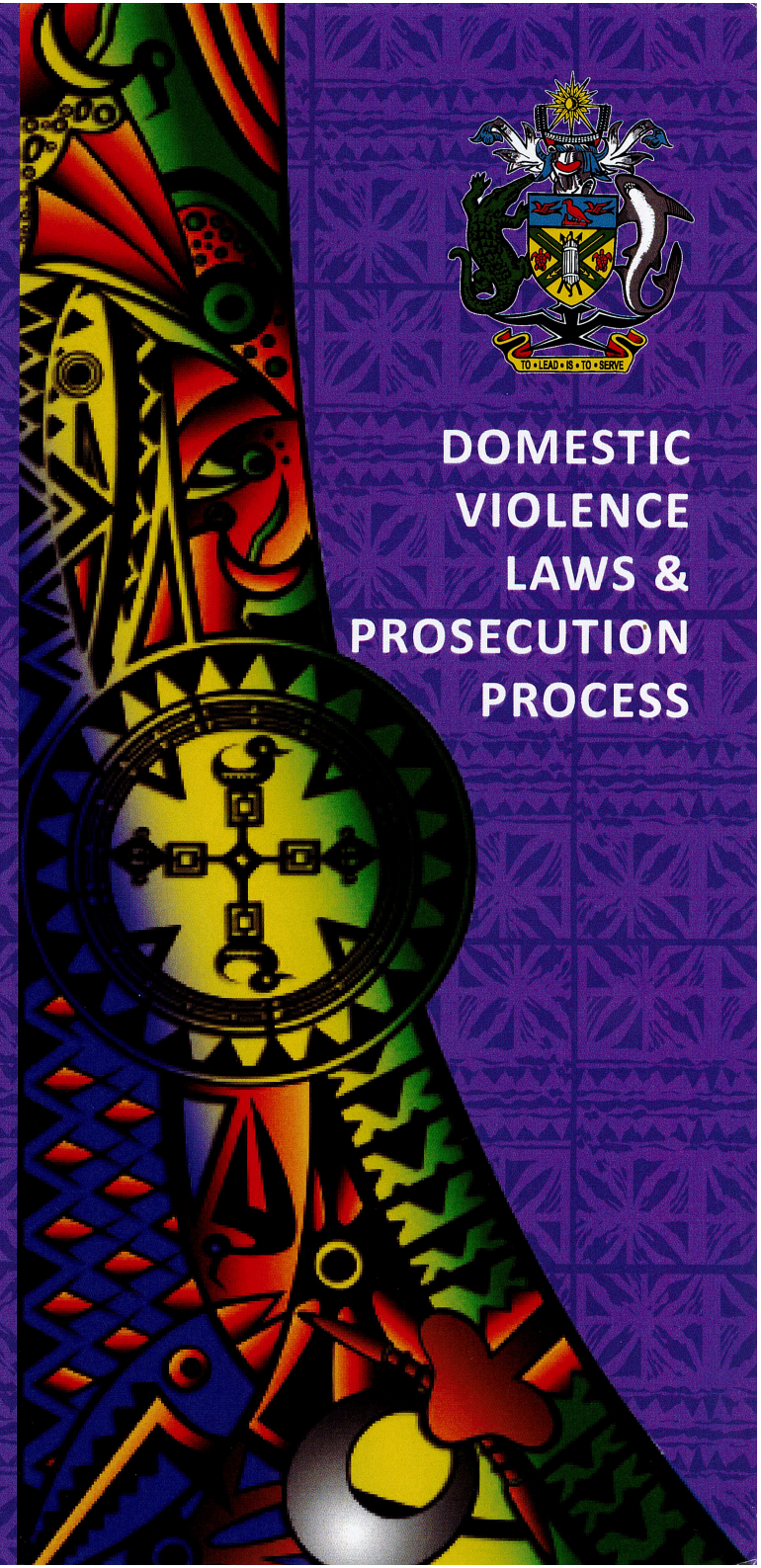
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DOMESTIC VIOLENCE LAWS & PROSECUTION PROCESS



OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC PROSECUTIONS

VISION

A SAFE AND JUST SOLOMON ISLANDS SUPPORTED BY A CONSTITUTIONALLY INDEPENDENT PUBLIC PROSECUTION SERVICE UNDER THE RULE OF LAW.

MISSION

DELIVERING AN INDEPENDENT, FAIR AND EFFECTIVE PROSECUTION SERVICE.

VALUES

The office of the Director of Public Prosecutions (ODPP) values are:

- (a) Independence
- (b) Accountability
- (c) Respect
- (d) Ethical with Integrity
- (e) Efficiency

ODPP POLICY ON VICTIMS

- A Victim is a person who has suffered harm either as a direct result of an unlawful act or as an immediate family member, or dependent, of the direct victim.
- The ODPP will assist in protecting a victim's privacy as far as possible.
- The ODPP will treat victims with courtesy, compassion & respect.

- A Prosecutor will hold a conference with a victim before he or she gives evidence in court. The purpose of the conference is to explain the prosecution process and the role of the witness.
- A Prosecutor will seek and consider the views of the victim when making decisions about charges and prosecutions, however the views of the victims are not determinative.

WOMEN DO NOT HAVE TO PUT UP WITH BEING HURT.

If your partner deliberately:

1. Injures you or Family member;
2. Intimidates or harasses you;
3. Indecently touches you without your consent;
4. Has sexual intercourse with you without your consent; or
5. Damages your property.

YOU CAN GET PROTECTION FROM THE LAW.

CRIMINAL OFFENCES THAT ARE COMMITTED AGAINST WOMEN IN OUR SOCIETY AND PROVIDED FOR UNDER THE PENAL CODE, THE FAMILY PROTECTION ACT AND THE PENAL CODE SEXUAL OFFENCES (AMMENDMENT) ACT.

Criminal offences that are committed against women in our society and provided for under the penal code and family protection act

1. Common Assault
2. Assault causing Grievous Harm &/or Bodily Harm
3. Intimidation

4. Indecent Assault
5. Rape
6. Defilement

IF YOU ARE A VICTIM OF DOMESTIC VIOLENCE, IT IS OKAY TO REPORT IT

HOW TO REPORT DOMESTIC ABUSE

Contact Seif Ples on: Emergency hotline number 132, or Phone Number: 24677

Contact Sexual Assault Unit Rove, in person or on Phone Number: 21383

Contact Family Support Centre, Rove, in person or on Phone Number: 20619

Contact Christian Care Centre Tenaru in person or on Phone: 7651423 or 7418882 or in Auki in person or on phone Number: 7479326.

Contact Family Protection Unit at The Public Solicitors Office in person at their office in Honiara or on phone 28405 or 28406 or in their office in Auki 40008, in Gizo 60682 or Kirakira 50153.

If you don't want to go back to your house because you are afraid of the person who abused or is abusing you one of those places will arrange a place for you to stay in for some days so that you don't have to go back to the person who is abusing you.

Contact the Police station or Police post that is nearest to your home in Honiara or anywhere in the provinces. You can contact them by phone or go there in person alone, or with a friend or family member.