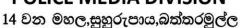


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A video clip of an assault on a Filipino National circulating on social media.

This is an incident that had occurred in the Weligama Police Division in February 2024. A Filipino National who had arrived in the country had lodged a complaint with the Weligama Police Station on 14.02.2024, alleging that a Sri Lankan man had assaulted him while he was visiting the Weligama area.

Moreover in the video, Filipino National was doing a Vlog and while he was recording footage at a surf training facility on the polena beach in Weligama, it has been revealed that an employee at the facility had objected to it and the foreign national had been assaulted and kicked by the person.

Accordingly, on the same day of the incident, officers of the Weligama Police arrested the 24 year old suspect, a resident of the Polena area in connection with this assault and had produced him before the Matara Magistrate's Court. This case is scheduled to be recalled for hearing in the Court on 11.09.2025.

Sri Lanka Police is very keen on taking necessary legal action against the complaints reported to Police Stations and videos circulating on social media regarding the problems and harresments faced by foreign tourists visiting the country.

But the incidents where suspects have been arrested and legal action has been taken, and the police have conducted investigations and taken the necessary legal action, are portrayed as incidents that occurred very recently or a few days ago is not good for the image of the country.

Therefore Sri Lanka Police will investigate these incidents and take necessary legal action against those who are circulating previous incidents to downgrade the image of the country.

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