



ODPP MEDIA UPDATE

ODPP Serious Crime (Non-Sexual Violence Offences) Statistics – February 2017

The following data is authorised for release by the Office of the Director of Public Prosecutions (ODPP) and relates to the number of formal indictments (*Information*) filed in the High Courts of Fiji by the Director of Public Prosecutions throughout the month. This data is confined to incidents of serious crimes other than sexual violence offences which are recorded and published separately. This data also includes offences committed by police officers.

There were 60 people charged with a total of 43 separate incidents in February. The offences were murder (2), manslaughter (3), aggravated robbery (11), aggravated burglary (8), theft (4), money laundering (1) assault causing actual bodily harm (5), act with intent to cause grievous bodily harm (2), arson (1) and setting fire to crops (1), infanticide (1), abortion (1), procurement of abortion (1), possession of illicit drugs (1), unlawful cultivation of illicit drugs (1).

There were 34 victims of these serious offences.

The 60 people charged include eleven police officers. Of these eleven, 1 police officer has been charged with theft of a laptop while ten police officers have been charged with assault causing actual bodily harm.

A woman has been charged with murder for allegedly throwing kerosene on her partner and setting him on fire whilst in another murder case, a man died during an aggravated robbery incident.

Of the 3 manslaughter offences, one incident arose from breach of duty where an 8 month old child was not restrained in the vehicle causing him to fall to his death from the vehicle. Two other manslaughter offences resulted from a driving incident and from a brawl in a nightclub.

For the aggravated robbery offences, the amounts stolen ranged from \$50 to \$10, 000 and for the aggravated burglary offences, the amounts stolen ranged from \$500 to \$24, 900.

There was one incident where a man has been charged with the theft of \$43,000 and arson of a Post Office. In another incident, a 74 year old man has been charged with setting fire to a coconut plantation.

For the money laundering incident, a man allegedly obtained \$1.2 million worth of property by deception.

A mother was charged with infanticide for suffocating her new born child after delivery and in another incident two people have been charged with committing an abortion and with procuring an abortion.

A couple were charged with possession of 57.5 grams of methamphetamine and a man was charged with the unlawful cultivation of 7.2 kilograms of cannabis.

Two cases were discontinued after discontinuances (*Nolle Prosequi*) were filed.

Refer to the table entitled *ODPP Serious Crime (Non-Sexual Violence Offences) Statistics February 2017* for a break-down of these statistics.



ODPP Serious Crime (Non- Sexual Violence Offences) Statistics February 2017

	Total No. of Counts	Total No. of Victims	Total No. of accused persons	No. of Nolle Prosequi filed	Incidents involving domestic relations	No. of Police officers charged
Murder	2	2	4	0	1	0
Manslaughter	3	3	3	1	1	0
Aggravated Robbery	11	10	20	0	0	0
Aggravated Burglary	8	6	14	0	0	0
Theft	4	3	3	0	0	1
Money laundering	1	1	1	0	0	0
Assault causing actual bodily harm	5	5	10	0	0	10
Act with intent to cause grievous bodily harm	2	2	2	0	0	0
Arson	1	1	1	0	0	0
Setting fire to crops	1	1	1	0	0	0
Infanticide	1	1	1	0	1	0
Abortion	1	1	2	0	0	0
Procurement of abortion	1	1	2	0	0	0
Possession of Illicit Drugs	1	0	2	0	0	0
Unlawful cultivation of illicit drugs	1	0	1	1	0	0
Total	43	34*	60*	2	3	11

Source: ODPP Fiji

***Please note that a number of accused persons may also have been charged with other serious offences. Similarly, a number of victims for one crime have also been victims of other serious crimes.**

***Please also note that sexual violence offences are recorded and published separately.**

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