



ODPP MEDIA UPDATE

ODPP Serious Crime (Non-Sexual Violence Offences) Statistics – March 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 50 people charged with a total of 43 separate incidents in March. The offences were attempted murder (3), aggravated robbery (11), aggravated burglary (10), theft (3), assault causing actual bodily harm (3), criminal intimidation (1), trafficking in persons (1), perverting the course of justice (1), using forged documents (3), dealing in infringing copy (5), dealing in proceeds of crime (1), and false representation (1).

There were 30 victims of these serious offences.

The 50 people charged include 4 police officers. Of these four, 1 former police constable has been charged with one count of perverting the course of justice, 1 police officer has been charged with assault causing actual bodily harm, and 1 police officer has been charged with making a false representation in relation to Cyclone Winston assistance while another police officer has been charged with one count of the theft of \$14,000.

Two Police officers case were referred to the ODPP by Police Internal Affairs, however, no charges were laid. Disciplinary actions were recommended. ***(This is not recorded in the statistics table).***

Of the 3 attempted murder incidents, one incident was a domestic case where the accused and the victim are husband and wife. Another attempted murder involved an accused person suffering from schizophrenia.

For the aggravated robbery offences, the amounts stolen ranged from \$120 to \$19, 000 and for the aggravated burglary and theft offences, the amounts stolen ranged from \$800 to \$14,000.

One local resident was charged with trafficking in persons where the accused allegedly organised the entry into Fiji of a worker from the Philippines.

There was one incident where two people were charged with using forged passports in an attempt to travel to New Zealand from Fiji.

One company was charged with 5 counts of dealing in infringing copy under the Copyrights Act.

One local resident allowed a transfer of money to his bank account knowing that the amount was proceeds of crime.

One case involving aggravated robbery, aggravated burglary and theft was withdrawn after a discontinuance (*Nolle Prosequi*) was filed.

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

**ODPP Serious Crime (Non- Sexual Violence Offences) Statistics March 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
Attempted Murder	3	3	3	0	1	0
Aggravated Robbery	11	11	15	1	0	0
Aggravated Burglary	10	11	20	1	0	0
Theft	3	4	4	1	0	1
Assault causing actual bodily harm	3	3	5	0	1	1
Criminal intimidation	1	1	1	0	0	0
Trafficking in persons	1	1	1	0	0	0
Perverting the course of justice	1	0	1	0	0	1
Using forged documents	3	0	2	0	0	0
Dealing in infringing copy	5	0	1	0	0	0
Dealing in proceeds of crime	1	0	1	0	0	0
False representation	1	0	1	0	0	1
Total	43	30*	50*	1*	2	4

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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