

ODPP MEDIA UPDATE

ODPP Serious Crime (Non-Sexual Violence Offences) Statistics – April 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 16 people charged with a total of 15 separate incidents in April. The offences were aggravated robbery (4), aggravated burglary (5), theft (4), dangerous driving (1) and damaging property (1).

There were 10 victims of these serious offences.

Of the 16 people charged, one was a police officer. The police officer was charged with a count of dangerous driving.

For the aggravated robbery, burglary and theft offences, the items stolen include mobile phones and cash up to \$4000.

There were two cases of aggravated burglary and theft that were withdrawn after discontinuances (Nolle Prosequi) were filed. Of this, one case of aggravated burglary and theft was withdrawn due to police officers assaulting the accused whilst in police custody.

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

ĎPP	ODPP Serious Crime (Non- Sexual Violence Offences) Statistics April 2017					
	Total No. of Counts	Total No. of Victims	Total No. of accused persons	No. of Nolle Prosequi filed	Incidents involving domestic relations	Incidents involving Police officers
Aggravated Robbery	4	4	7	0	0	0
Aggravated Burglary	5	5	8	2	0	0
Theft	4	4	6	2	0	0
Dangerous Driving	1	1	1	0	0	1
Damaging Property	1	1	1	0	0	0
Total	15	10*	16*	2*	0	1
	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.

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