



ODPP MEDIA UPDATE

ODPP Serious Crime (Non-Sexual Violence Offences) Statistics – June 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 49 people charged with a total of 38 counts of separate incidents in June. The offences were manslaughter (1), aggravated robbery (8), attempted aggravated robbery (1), aggravated burglary (8), attempted aggravated burglary (1), theft (7), money laundering (3), dangerous driving causing death (2), assault causing actual bodily harm (4), act with intent to cause grievous bodily harm (2), and trafficking in persons (1).

Of these 49 people charged, three were police officers. These police officers were each charged with assault causing actual bodily harm. One of the police officers had his case withdrawn after new evidence came to light.

There were 5 juveniles who were also charged with aggravated robbery, aggravated burglary and theft.

There were 29 victims of these serious offences. Of these 29 victims, there were 3 incidents involving a domestic setting and of these 3, one was a victim in a manslaughter case.

For the aggravated robbery offences, the items stolen ranged from \$300 worth of mobile phones, to cash and property worth over \$44,000. For the aggravated burglary and theft offences, the items stolen ranged from basic food items to \$20,000 worth of property.

Three people were charged with money laundering. They were alleged to have laundered \$500,000 from their employer's payroll system.

Two people were charged with dangerous driving causing death however these charges were withdrawn after a review of the evidence.

Two people were charged with trafficking a Bangladeshi male into Fiji on the pretext of arranging a job and work visa.

Three cases were withdrawn after discontinuances (*Nolle Prosequi*) were filed.

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

	ODPP Serious Crime (Non- Sexual Violence Offences) Statistics June 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
Manslaughter	1	1	1	0	1	0
Aggravated Robbery	8	8	17	0	0	0
Attempted aggravated robbery	1	1	1	0	0	0
Aggravated Burglary	8	8	17	0	0	0
Attempted aggravated burglary	1	1	1	0	0	0
Theft	7	7	14	0	0	0
Money laundering	3	0	3	0	0	0
Dangerous driving causing death	2	2	2	2	0	0
Assault causing actual bodily harm	4	5	4	1	1	3
Act with intent to cause grievous bodily harm	2	2	2	0	1	0
Trafficking in persons	1	1	2	0	0	0
Total	38	29*	49*	3	3	3
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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