



ODPP MEDIA UPDATE

ODPP Serious Crime (Non-Sexual Violence Offences) Statistics – April 2018

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 39 people charged with a total of 32 counts of separate incidents in April. The offences were robbery (2), aggravated robbery (10), attempted aggravated robbery (1), aggravated burglary (5), theft (4), receiving stolen properties (2) assault causing actual bodily harm (2), act with intent to cause grievous harm (2), assault occasioning actual bodily harm (1), assault on Police officer (1), disabling with intent to commit an offence (1) and abduction (1).

Of the 39 people charged, two were Police officers. One officer is alleged to have assaulted his wife which occasioned actual bodily harm while another officer was charged for assaulting a fellow officer whilst drunk.

There were eight juveniles charged with aggravated robbery offences.

There were 26 victims of the 32 counts of separate incidents. Of the 26, there were 3 incidents where the accused and victims were related to one another. Two of these 3 offences were husbands allegedly assaulting their wives with intent to cause actual bodily harm while another husband was charged with disabling with intent to commit an offence.

Cash and assorted items ranged from \$50 to \$3,400 were stolen during the alleged aggravated robbery and aggravated burglary offences which consisted of home invasions, office and shop break-ins, vehicle break-ins, and daylight street robberies.

The assorted items stolen ranged from mobile phones, jewellery, alcohol, electronic goods and household items.

There was one incident of aggravated burglary and theft where five marijuana plants were stolen from the Police exhibit room.

Two cases were withdrawn after discontinuances (*Nolle Prosequi*) were filed due to the absence of complainant and a change in the witness evidence.

Refer to the table entitled *ODPP Serious Crime (Non-Sexual Violence Offences) Statistics April 2018* for a break-down of these statistics.

	ODPP Serious Crime (Non- Sexual Violence Offences) April 2018					
	Total No. of Counts	Total No. of accused persons	Total No. of victims	No. of Nolle Prosequi filed	Incidents involving domestic relations	No. of Police officers charged
Robbery	2	1	2	0	0	0
Aggravated robbery	10	16	9	0	0	0
Attempted Aggravated Robbery	1	2	1	1	0	0
Aggravated burglary	5	7	4	0	0	0
Theft	4	7	4	0	0	0
Assault causing actual bodily harm	2	2	2	0	1	0
Act with intent to cause grievous bodily harm	2	2	2	0	1	0
Assault occasioning actual bodily harm	1	1	1	0	1	1
Assault on Police officer	1	1	1	0	0	1
Disabling to commit an offence	1	1	1	1	1	0
Receiving stolen property	2	2	2	0	0	0
Abduction	1	1	1	0	0	0
Total	32	39*	26*	2	3*	2
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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