



## ODPP MEDIA UPDATE

### ODPP Serious Crime (Non-Sexual Violence Offences) Statistics – June 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 77 people charged with a total of 73 counts of separate incidents in June. The offences were attempted murder (2), aggravated robbery (19), attempted aggravated burglary (2), aggravated burglary (10), theft (12), dangerous driving causing death (1), dangerous driving causing grievous harm (1), reckless driving (1), careless driving (1), driving without license (1), driving without third party (1), assault causing actual bodily harm (4), act with intent to cause grievous harm (5), unlawful wounding (3), arson (3), obtaining financial advantage by deception (1), threatening statement at airport (3), criminal intimidation (1), damaging property (1) and resisting arrest (1).

There were 3 juveniles charged with aggravated robbery offences.

There were 49 victims of the 73 counts of separate incidents. Of the 49 victims, there were 5 incidents where the accused and victims were related to one another and 1 incident where a Chinese national was allegedly robbed of \$1200 cash at knife point.

A 56-year-old man was charged with two counts of attempted murder. He allegedly struck his de facto wife and stepdaughter with a cane knife.

There was one incident where a 59-year-old bus driver was charged with dangerous driving causing death. He was also charged with dangerous driving causing grievous harm and reckless driving. A 41-year-old woman died and 3 other victims sustained injuries as a result.

There were four incidents of assault causing actual bodily harm. One of these four incidents was a domestic matter where a 23-year-old woman was charged for allegedly burning her 9-year-old daughter with a hot iron.

There were five incidents of an act with intent to cause grievous harm. Three of these five incidents were domestic matters. In one incident a 26-year-old man was charged for allegedly stabbing his de facto partner with a knife, in another incident a 48-year-old man allegedly used a cane knife to cause grievous harm to his brother and in the third incident a 33-year-old

man allegedly sewed the vulva of his 13-year-old stepdaughter after he allegedly raped her. **(NB: The offence of rape was recorded separately).**

There was one incident where 5 men were charged with an act with intent to cause grievous harm after they attacked a police officer who tried to stop an aggravated robbery incident.

There were three incidents of unlawful wounding. In one of these three incidents, a 20-year-old college prefect was charged for allegedly smashing a ceramic bowl on a 16-year-old pupil.

Cash and assorted items ranged from \$30 to \$20,000 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. Assorted items stolen during these offences include mobile phones, household goods and taxis.

In one of the aggravated burglary offences, the accused allegedly set fire to a building which caused damage of \$42,000.

There were two offences of attempted aggravated burglary. In one of these incidents, two men were caught while attempting to break into a Vodafone booth.

There were 3 individuals who were charged separately with one count each of giving threatening statements at the airport. Two individuals each informed security officers that their luggage contained bombs while another accused, an Australian national, informed a security officer that she had a gun in her bag.

Four cases were withdrawn after discontinuances (*Nolle Prosequi*) were filed due to insufficient evidence.

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

**ODPP Serious Crime (Non- Sexual Violence Offences) June 2018**

	<b>Total No. of Counts</b>	<b>Total No. of accused persons</b>	<b>Total No. of victims</b>	<b>No. of Nolle Prosequi filed</b>	<b>Incidents involving domestic relations</b>	<b>No. of Police officers charged</b>
<b>Attempted Murder</b>	2	1	2	0	1	0
<b>Aggravated robbery</b>	19	38	21	2	0	0
<b>Attempted aggravated burglary</b>	2	5	0	0	0	0
<b>Aggravated burglary</b>	10	16	7	0	0	0
<b>Theft</b>	12	20	10	0	0	0
<b>Dangerous driving causing death</b>	1	1	1	0	0	0
<b>Dangerous driving causing grievous harm</b>	1	1	1	0	0	0
<b>Reckless driving</b>	1	1	4	0	0	0
<b>Careless driving</b>	1	1	1	0	0	0
<b>Driving without license</b>	1	1	0	0	0	0
<b>Driving without third party</b>	1	1	0	0	0	0
<b>Assault causing actual bodily harm</b>	4	4	5	0	1	0
<b>Act with intent to cause grievous harm</b>	5	12	7	1	3	0
<b>Unlawful wounding</b>	3	4	3	0	0	0
<b>Arson</b>	3	2	2	1	0	0
<b>Obtaining financial advantage</b>	1	1	1	1	0	0

<b>Threatening statement at airport</b>	3	3	0	0	0	0
<b>Criminal intimidation</b>	1	1	1	0	0	0
<b>Damaging property</b>	1	3	3	0	0	0
<b>Resisting arrest</b>	1	1	1	0	0	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>73</b>	<b>77*</b>	<b>49*</b>	<b>4*</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>0</b>
	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. The same applies to the number of *Nolle Prosequi* filed.

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

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