



ODPP MEDIA UPDATE

ODPP Serious Crime (Non-Sexual Violence Offences) Statistics – December 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 24 people charged with a total of 30 counts of separate incidents in December. The offences were aggravated robbery (9), attempted aggravated robbery (1), aggravated burglary (3), attempted aggravated burglary (1), theft (3), assault on police (2), assault (1), assault causing actual bodily harm (1) acts intended to cause grievous harm (4), arson (1), damaging property (1), criminal intimidation (1) and receiving stolen property (2).

Of the 24 accused persons, 3 were juveniles. A 13-year-old boy was charged with attempted aggravated burglary of assorted items from his uncle's home, in another incident, a 17-year-old boy was charged with aggravated burglary and theft of \$4600 worth of assorted items while in another incident a 17-year-old boy was charged with assault and rape of his 3-year-old nephew. (***NB: The offence of rape was recorded separately.***)

There were 22 victims of the 30 counts of separate incidents. There were 7 incidents where the accused and victims were related to one another and one incident where a foreign national was robbed.

There were 3 incidents where the accused were charged with acts intended to cause grievous harm to their family members. In one incident, a 64-year-old man was charged with act intended to cause grievous harm to his 33-year-old son, in another incident, a 26 year-old was charged for allegedly attacking his 86-year-old grandfather with a cane knife while in another incident a 48-year-old man was charged for allegedly attacking his 43-year-old wife with a spear.

There was another incident where 2 men aged 47 and 39 years were charged with act intended to cause grievous harm for allegedly attacking a 56-year-old security guard.

An 18-year-old was charged with assault causing actual bodily harm to his 36-year-old father. The accused is also charged with one count of damaging property.

A 51-year-old man was charged with criminal intimidation and arson. He allegedly threatened to kill his 43-year-old wife and allegedly set fire to their house and caused damage of \$18,000.

There was one incident where 2 men aged 23 and 24 years allegedly assaulted 2 police officers who foiled their attempts of robbery of three individuals at a street market.

Cash and assorted items ranging from \$27 to \$4972 were stolen during the alleged aggravated robbery and aggravated burglary offences which consisted of home invasions, shop break-ins, and daylight street robberies.

There was one incident where an 18-year-old, and two 23-year-olds were charged with aggravated robbery and receiving stolen property. The 3 allegedly robbed a foreign national of \$400 cash and a mobile phone.

Two cases were withdrawn after discontinuances (Nolle Prosequi) were filed. One case was withdrawn due to insufficient evidence while another case was withdrawn due to no identification parade being conducted by police.

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

**ODPP Serious Crime (Non- Sexual Violence Offences) December 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
Aggravated robbery	9	11	9	2	0	0
Attempted aggravated robbery	1	2	1	0	0	0
Aggravated burglary	3	3	3	0	0	0
Attempted aggravated burglary	1	1	1	0	1	0
Theft	3	3	3	0	0	0
Assault on police	2	2	2	0	0	0
Assault	1	1	1	0	1	0
Assault causing actual bodily harm	1	1	1	0	1	0
Acts intended to cause grievous bodily harm	4	5	4	0	3	0
Arson	1	1	1	0	1	0
Damaging property	1	1	1	0	1	0
Criminal intimidation	1	1	1	0	1	0
Receiving stolen property	2	2	1	0	0	0
Total	30	24*	22*	2	7*	0

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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