



## ODPP MEDIA UPDATE

### ODPP Serious Crime (Non-Sexual Violence Offences) Statistics – June 2019

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 62 people charged with a total of 234 counts of separate incidents in June. The offences were murder (2), attempted murder (1), infanticide (1), aggravated robbery (14), attempted aggravated robbery (1), aggravated burglary (9), burglary (2), theft (9), receiving stolen property (2), money laundering (180), acts with intent to cause grievous bodily harm (2), assault causing actual bodily harm (5), unlawful wounding (1), arson (1), attempt to commit arson (1), damaging property (1), malicious act (1) and giving false information (1).

Of the 62 accused persons, 5 were juveniles and 3 were police officers. Three juveniles were charged with aggravated burglary and theft, one juvenile was charged with aggravated robbery while one juvenile was charged with assault causing actual bodily harm to his mother with a hockey stick and a screw driver whilst demanding money from her. Three police officers were charged with assault causing actual bodily harm.

There were 39 victims of the 234 counts of separate incidents. There were 7 incidents where the accused and victims were related to one another.

A 34-year-old woman was charged with the murder of her 34-year-old de facto partner. The accused allegedly struck the partner with a piece of timber which resulted in his death.

A 21-year-old man was charged with the murder of a 34-year-old man. The accused has been detained in the Saint Giles Hospital for psychiatric treatment.

There was one incident where a 21-year-old man was charged with the attempted murder of his 20-year-old de facto partner.

A 26-year-old woman was charged with the infanticide of her newborn child, however, this matter was withdrawn due to insufficient evidence.

A 36-year-old man was charged with act with intent to cause grievous bodily harm to his brother-in-law. The accused allegedly stabbed his brother-in-law during an argument. Both the accused and victim were drunk at the time of the incident.

There was one incident where a 39-year-old woman was charged with arson for allegedly setting fire to her 49-year-old sister's home. In another incident, a 45-year-old man was charged with the attempt to commit arson where he allegedly set fire to a chair and curtain at his brother's home.

A 45-year-old woman was charged with 180 counts of money laundering. It is alleged that she laundered \$108,000 from Automart Limited over the past four years.

A trade unionist was charged with one count of malicious act under the Public Order Act for allegedly disseminating false news.

There was one incident where a 20-year-old man was charged with unlawful wounding. He is alleged to have repeatedly stabbed a 29-year-old man with a kitchen knife whilst being drunk.

Cash and assorted items ranging from \$115 to \$6,335.85 were stolen during the alleged aggravated robbery, aggravated burglary and burglary offences which consisted of home invasions, shop break-ins and daylight street robberies.

Five cases were withdrawn after discontinuances (*Nolle Prosequi*) were filed due to insufficient evidence and false statements.

Refer to the table entitled *ODPP Serious Crime (Non-Sexual Violence Offences) Statistics June 2019* for a break-down of these statistics.

**ODPP Serious Crime (Non- Sexual Violence Offences) June 2019**

	<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>Murder</b>	2	2	2	0	1	0
<b>Attempted murder</b>	1	1	1	0	1	0
<b>Infanticide</b>	1	1	1	1	1	0
<b>Aggravated robbery</b>	14	22	14	2	0	0
<b>Attempted aggravated robbery</b>	1	1	1	0	0	0
<b>Aggravated burglary</b>	9	20	9	2	0	0
<b>Burglary</b>	2	4	2	0	0	0
<b>Theft</b>	9	22	9	1	0	0
<b>Receiving stolen property</b>	2	3	1	0	0	0
<b>Money laundering</b>	180	1	1	0	0	0
<b>Acts with intent to cause grievous bodily harm</b>	2	2	2	0	1	0
<b>Assault causing actual bodily harm</b>	5	5	5	0	1	3
<b>Unlawful wounding</b>	1	1	1	0	0	0
<b>Arson</b>	1	1	1	0	1	0
<b>Attempt to commit arson</b>	1	1	1	0	1	0
<b>Damaging property</b>	1	1	1	0	0	0
<b>Malicious Act</b>	1	1	0	0	0	0
<b>Giving false information</b>	1	1	0	0	0	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>234</b>	<b>62*</b>	<b>39*</b>	<b>5*</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>3</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.**

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

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