DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC PROSECUTIONS

ODPP MEDIA UPDATE

ODPP Serious Crime (Non-Sexual Violence Offences) Statistics – November 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 35 people charged with a total of 41 counts of separate incidents in November. The offences were murder (1), attempted murder (2) aggravated robbery (5), aggravated burglary (9), burglary (3), theft (18), dangerous driving (1), careless driving (1) and unlawful possession of illicit drugs (1).

Of the 35 accused persons, five were juveniles and two were police officers. The juveniles were charged with aggravated burglary and theft offences while one police officer was charged with dangerous driving and another with careless driving.

There were 25 victims of the 41 counts of separate incidents. Of the 25, there were two incidents where the accused persons and victims were related to one another.

A 28-year-old man was charged with the murder of a 33-year-old taxi driver. The accused is alleged to have beaten the taxi driver with a piece of wood which resulted in his death. The accused was also charged with one count of theft.

There were two separate incidents where a 22-year-old and a 26-year-old man were charged with the attempted murder of their wives.

Cash and assorted items ranging from $110 to over $19,180 were stolen during the alleged aggravated robbery, aggravated burglary, theft offences which consisted of home invasions, shop break-ins, and daylight and night street robberies.

Five Chinese nationals were allegedly robbed of a safe containing $11,000 by a 19-year-old man, however, this matter was discontinued due to insufficient evidence.

A 32-year-old man was charged with one count of unlawful possession of illicit drugs. The accused allegedly had one kilogram of cocaine in his possession. The accused was also earlier charged with one count of murder of a New Zealand national.

Two cases were withdrawn after discontinuances (*Nolle Prosequi*) were filed due to insufficient evidence.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 November 2019* for a break-down of these statistics.

	ODPP Serious Crime (Non- Sexual Violence Offences) November 2019					
	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**
Murder	1	1	1	0	0	0
Attempted murder	2	2	2	0	2	0
Aggravated robbery	5	9	6	1	0	0
Aggravated burglary	9	15	8	1	0	0
Burglary	3	4	7	0	0	0
Theft	18	16	15	1	0	0
Dangerous driving	1	1	0	0	0	1
Careless driving	1	1	1	0	0	1
Unlawful possession of illicit drugs	1	1	0	0	0	0
Total	**41**	**35***	**25***	**2***	**2**	**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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