



ODPP MEDIA UPDATE

ODPP Serious Crime (Non-Sexual Violence Offences) Statistics – October 2020

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 66 people charged with a total of 76 counts of separate incidents in October. The offences were attempted murder (1), aggravated robbery (12), robbery (1), attempted robbery (1), aggravated burglary (18), theft (19), receiving stolen properties (1), attempt to commit arson (1), act with intent to cause grievous harm (3), dangerous driving (2), failure to obey traffic directions (1), failure to supply a specimen of breath (1), disorderly conduct in a police station (1), unlawful cultivation of illicit drugs (4), damaging property (10), criminal trespass (1), breach of DVRO (1), resisting arrest (1), breach of curfew hours (5) and wrongful confinement (1).

Of the 66 accused persons, four were juveniles and five were police officers.

The juveniles were charged with aggravated robbery, aggravated burglary and theft offences. Amongst the four juveniles, one 15-year-old boy was charged with aggravated burglary and theft of \$41.35 cash from his school teacher's purse.

There were two separate incidents where a 32-year-old and a 33-year-old police officer were charged with dangerous driving.

A 29-year-old police officer was charged with one count of failure to obey traffic directions, one count of failure to supply a specimen of breath and one count of disorderly conduct in a police station.

A 33-year-old police officer was charged with the theft of \$1,967 from the Judicial Department while in another incident, a 21-year-old police officer was charged with the theft of \$850 from a 21-year-old man's bank account by using the victim's EFTPOS card.

There were 45 victims of the 76 counts of separate incidents.

There were five incidents where the accused and the victims were related to one another.

A 37-year-old man was charged with the attempted murder of his de facto partner. The accused was also charged with a breach of a DVRO.

A 27-year-old man was charged with an act with intent to cause grievous harm for allegedly pouring hot oil over his 20-year-old wife. The accused was also charged with one count of damaging property.

In another incident, a 20-year-old man was charged with an act with intent to cause grievous harm for allegedly striking his 22-year-old wife with a knife.

A 32-year-old man was charged with an attempt to commit arson for allegedly trying to set fire to his 39-year-old brother's house.

Cash and assorted items ranging from \$35 to \$21,830 were stolen during the alleged aggravated robbery, aggravated burglary and theft offences which consisted of home invasions, office and shop burglaries, and daylight and night street robberies.

For the aggravated burglary and theft offences, there were five accused persons who were also charged with breach of curfew hours.

A 20-year-old man, a 21-year-old man and a 24-year-old man were charged with the unlawful cultivation of illicit drugs. They allegedly cultivated 1382 plants of *cannabis sativa*.

In another incident, a 42-year-old man was charged with the unlawful cultivation of illicit drugs. He allegedly cultivated 186 plants of *cannabis sativa*.

Six 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 October 2020* for a break-down of these statistics.

**ODPP Serious Crime (Non- Sexual Violence Offences) October 2020**

	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
Attempted Murder	1	1	1	0	1	0
Aggravated robbery	12	17	16	2	0	0
Robbery	1	1	1	0	0	0
Attempted robbery	1	1	1	0	0	0
Aggravated burglary	18	33	22	4	0	0
Theft	19	34	23	4	0	2
Receiving stolen property	1	1	3	0	0	0
Attempt to commit Arson	1	1	1	0	1	0
Act with intent to cause grievous bodily harm	3	3	3	0	2	0
Dangerous driving	2	2	0	0	0	2
Failure to obey traffic directions	1	1	0	0	0	1
Failure to supply a specimen of breath	1	1	0	0	0	1
Disorderly conduct in a police station	1	1	0	0	0	1
Unlawful cultivation of illicit drugs	4	4	0	0	0	0
Damaging property	1	1	1	0	1	0
Criminal trespass	1	1	1	0	0	0
Breach of DVRO	1	1	1	0	1	0
Resisting arrest	1	1	1	0	0	0

Breach of curfew hours	5	5	0	0	0	0
Wrongful confinement	1	1	1	0	1	0
Total	76	66*	45*	6*	5*	5*
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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