



ODPP MEDIA UPDATE

ODPP Serious Crime (Non-Sexual Violence Offences) Statistics – June 2021

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 43 people charged with a total of 48 counts of separate incidents in June. The offences were murder (1), attempted murder (1), manslaughter arising from breach of duty (1), aggravated robbery (10), attempted aggravated robbery (1), aggravated burglary (8), burglary (1), theft (9), assault causing actual bodily harm (3), act with intent to cause grievous bodily harm (1), unlawful wounding (1), illegal burial (1), careless driving (2), driving without a licence (1), driving under the influence of alcohol (1), failure to report an accident (1), trespass (1), criminal intimidation (1) and breach of curfew orders (3).

Of the 43 accused persons, two were juveniles and five were police officers.

There were 32 victims of the 48 counts of separate incidents. There were six incidents where the accused and victim were related to one another.

There was one incident where a 39-year-old man was charged with the murder of a 49-year-old man. The accused allegedly stabbed the victim multiple times with a knife.

A 49-year-old man was re-charged with the attempted murder of his 27-year-old de facto partner. This case was discontinued earlier after the victim could not be located.

There was one incident where a 42-year-old man and a 48-year-old woman were charged with manslaughter arising from breach of duty and illegal burial of their 7-year-old daughter who died of unknown conditions.

There were two juveniles charged with aggravated robbery, burglary and theft of mobile phones, cash and cigarettes.

There were five separate incidents where police officers were charged with offences.

A 31-year-old police officer was charged with careless driving, while in another incident, a 38-year-old police officer was charged with careless driving, driving without a license and failure to report an accident.

A 40-year-old police officer was charged with driving under the influence of alcohol and breach of curfew orders.

There was one incident where a police officer alongside another man were charged with assault causing actual bodily harm to a 35-year old and a 53-year-old man. They were also charged with trespass and criminal intimidation.

A 28-year-old police officer was charged with assault causing actual bodily harm to his 28-year-old wife.

A 40-year-old man was charged with assault causing actual bodily harm to his 43-year-old wife. The accused allegedly assaulted his wife with an axe.

In another incident, a 58-year-old man was charged with act with intent to cause grievous harm to his 54-year-old wife. The accused allegedly hit his wife on the head with a metal rod.

A 32-year-old man was charged with the unlawful wounding of his 36-year-old de facto partner.

Cash and assorted items ranging from \$45 to \$9,947 were stolen during the alleged aggravated robbery, aggravated burglary and burglary and theft offences which consisted of home invasions, shop break-ins and daylight and night street robberies.

Three 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 2021* for a break-down of these statistics.



ODPP Serious Crime (Non- Sexual Violence Offences) June 2021

	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	1	1	1	0	1	0
Manslaughter arising from breach of duty	1	2	1	0	1	0
Aggravated robbery	10	13	10	2	0	0
Attempted aggravated robbery	1	2	1	0	0	0
Aggravated burglary	8	14	9	1	0	0
Burglary	1	1	1	0	0	0
Theft	9	15	10	1	0	0
Assault causing actual bodily harm	3	4	4	0	2	2
Act with intent to cause grievous harm	1	1	1	0	1	0
Unlawful wounding	1	1	1	0	1	0
Illegal burial	1	2	1	0	1	0
Careless driving	2	2	2	0	0	2
Driving without a license	1	1	0	0	0	1
Driving under the influence of alcohol	1	1	0	0	0	1
Failure to report an accident	1	1	1	0	0	1
Trespass	1	2	2	0	0	1
Criminal intimidation	1	2	2	0	0	1
Breach of curfew orders	3	3	0	0	0	1
TOTAL	48	43*	32*	3*	6*	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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