



ODPP MEDIA UPDATE

ODPP Serious Crime (Non-Sexual Violence Offences) Statistics – July 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 16 people charged with a total of 17 counts of separate incidents in July. The offences were aggravated robbery (1), aggravated burglary (3), theft (2), assault causing actual bodily harm (2), act with intent to cause grievous bodily harm (4), criminal intimidation (1), obtaining property by deception (1), falsification of accounts (1), attempt to commit arson (1) and damaging property (1).

Of the 17 accused persons, one was a juvenile and two were police officers.

The juvenile was charged with one count of aggravated burglary and one count of theft of assorted goods worth \$6,640.

A 34-year-old police officer was charged with one count of assault causing actual bodily harm to his 33-year-old wife, however, this matter was withdrawn after the victim admitted to making a false complaint.

A 49-year-old police officer was charged with damaging property.

There were 10 victims of the 17 counts of separate incidents. There were three incidents where the accused and victim were related to one another.

There was one incident where a 46-year-old man was charged with one count of criminal intimidation, one count of act with intent to cause grievous bodily harm and count of assault causing actual bodily harm to his 38-year-old wife.

A 31-year-old woman was charged with an attempt to commit arson on her sister-in-law's property.

There was one incident where two 23-year-old men were charged with acts with intent to cause grievous harm to a 25-year-old woman by throwing a piece of concrete at her.

A 33-year-old clerk and a 34-year-old man were charged with one count of obtaining property by deception and one count of fraudulent falsification of accounts. The two allegedly obtained \$646,994.76 through fraudulent LPOs.

There was one incident where a 51-year-old man was charged with the aggravated robbery of \$7,600 from a cashier.

In another incident, a 20-year-old man and a 42-year-old man were charged with aggravated burglary and theft of assorted items worth \$2,936 from an electronic shop.

A 42-year-old man and a 43-year-old man were charged with aggravated burglary, however, this matter was withdrawn due to insufficient evidence.

Refer to the table entitled *ODPP Serious Crime (Non-Sexual Violence Offences) Statistics July 2021* for a break-down of these statistics.

**ODPP Serious Crime (Non- Sexual Violence Offences) July 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 |
|--|---------------------|------------------------------|----------------------|-----------------------------|--|--------------------------------|
| Aggravated robbery | 1 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Aggravated burglary | 3 | 4 | 2 | 1 | 0 | 0 |
| Theft | 2 | 3 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Assault causing actual bodily harm | 2 | 2 | 2 | 1 | 2 | 1 |
| Act with intent to cause grievous harm | 4 | 5 | 4 | 0 | 1 | 0 |
| Criminal intimidation | 1 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 0 |
| Obtaining property by deception | 1 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Fraudulent falsification of accounts | 1 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Attempt to commit arson | 1 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 0 |
| Damaging property | 1 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 |
| TOTAL | 17 | 16* | 10* | 2 | 3* | 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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