



## ODPP MEDIA UPDATE

### ODPP Serious Crime (Non-Sexual Violence Offences) Statistics – September 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 47 people charged with a total of 67 counts of separate incidents in September. The offences were aggravated robbery (10), aggravated burglary (23), theft (24), assault causing grievous bodily harm (3), act with intent to cause grievous harm (1), resisting arrest (3), breach of bail (1), disobeying lawful order (1) and making off without payment.

Of the 47 accused persons, 12 were juveniles. The juveniles were charged with aggravated robbery, aggravated burglary and theft offences.

There were 25 victims of the 67 counts of separate incidents. There was one incident where the accused and victim were related to one another.

A 42-year-old man was charged with assault causing grievous bodily harm to his 29-year-old stepson. The accused allegedly assaulted his stepson with an iron rod.

In another incident, a 47-year-old man was charged with assault causing grievous bodily harm to a 56-year-old man.

There was one incident where a 43-year-old man was charged with an act with intent to cause grievous bodily harm to a 22-year-old man. The accused allegedly tried to burn the victim because he wanted to teach him a lesson for sniffing petrol.

Cash and assorted items ranging from \$50 to \$7000 were stolen during the alleged aggravated robbery, aggravated burglary and theft offences which consisted of home invasions, shop burglaries, taxi car jacks and daylight and night street robberies.

There were four separate aggravated robbery incidents where taxi drivers were attacked and robbed.

A 16-year-old boy was charged with aggravated robbery of cash and assorted items from a 59-year-old taxi driver while in another incident an 18-year-old man and a 19-year-old man were charged with aggravated robbery of assorted items from a 49-year-old taxi driver.

A 36-year-old man was charged with aggravated robbery of assorted items from a 57-year-old taxi driver. The accused was also charged with making off without payment.

In another incident, two 19-year-old men and a 20-year-old man were charged with the aggravated robbery and resisting arrest. The accused person allegedly robbed a 23-year-old taxi driver of cash and assorted items.

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

**ODPP Serious Crime (Non- Sexual Violence Offences) September 2021**

	<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>Aggravated robbery</b>	10	15	12	0	0	0
<b>Aggravated burglary</b>	23	26	9	0	0	0
<b>Theft</b>	24	26	9	0	0	0
<b>Assault causing grievous bodily harm</b>	3	3	3	0	1	0
<b>Act with intent to cause grievous harm</b>	1	1	1	0	0	0
<b>Resisting arrest</b>	3	3	0	0	0	0
<b>Disobeying lawful order</b>	1	1	0	0	0	0
<b>Making off without payment</b>	1	1	1	0	0	0
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>67</b>	<b>47</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>
	<b>Source: ODPP Fiji</b>					

\* 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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