



ODPP MEDIA UPDATE

ODPP Serious Crime (Non-Sexual Violence Offences) Statistics – October 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 74 people charged with a total of 80 counts of separate incidents in October. The offences were manslaughter by breach of duty (1), aggravated robbery (6), robbery (1), aggravated burglary (14), attempted aggravated burglary (1), burglary (1), theft (14), receiving stolen property (1) assault causing grievous bodily harm (7), act with intent to cause grievous harm (4), serious assault (4), grievous harm (1), arson (2), attempted arson (4), dangerous driving causing grievous bodily harm (1), failure to comply with requirement after accident (1), driving under influence of alcohol (2), careless driving (6), unlawful possession of illicit drugs (2), attempted unlawful importation of illicit drugs (1), unlawful use of illicit drugs (1), criminal intimidation (1), damaging property (2), breach of bail conditions (1) and breach of curfew orders (1).

Of the 74 accused persons, six were juveniles and 14 were police officers. The juveniles were charged with aggravated robbery, robbery, aggravated burglary, theft and damaging property.

There were 42 victims of the 80 counts of separate incidents. There were eight incidents where the accused and victim were related to one another.

Of the 14 police officers, six police officers were charged with one count each of careless driving.

There were five separate incidents where police officers were charged with assault causing actual bodily harm. In one incident, a 32-year-old police officer was charged with assault causing actual bodily harm to his 32-year-old de facto partner.

In another incident, a 29-year-old police officer was charged with two counts of assault causing actual bodily harm to his 29-year-old wife and a 48-year-old shop owner at separate occasions.

In another incident, a 37-year-old police officer was charged with assault causing actual bodily harm to his 30-year-old wife.

There was one incident where a 26-year-old police officer was charged with assault causing actual bodily harm to a 27-year-old police officer.

In another incident, a 24-year-old police officer was charged with dangerous driving occasioning grievous bodily harm and failure to comply with requirements following an accident.

A 25-year-old police officer was charged with one count of unlawful possession of illicit drugs and one count of unlawful use of illicit drugs.

There was one incident where a 39-year-old police officer was charged with three counts of serious assault and one count of driving under the influence of alcohol.

In another incident, a 23-year-old police officer was charged with one count of driving under the influence of alcohol and breach of curfew orders.

There was one incident where a 27-year-old woman was charged with one count of manslaughter by breach of duty where her 4-year-old child died in a road accident.

There was one incident where a 58-year-old man was charged with assault causing actual bodily harm to a 60-year-old man. The accused allegedly assaulted the victim with an iron rod.

An 18-year-old man was charged with assault causing actual bodily harm to a 35-year-old woman from his village.

There were four separate incidents where the accused persons were charged with acts intended to cause grievous harm. In one incident, a 34-year-old man was charged with an act with intent to cause grievous harm to his 30-year-old wife. The accused allegedly struck his wife with a knife.

A 20-year-old woman was an act with intent to cause grievous harm to a 54-year-old man. The accused allegedly used a kitchen knife to stab the victim who was living with her at the time of the incident.

In another incident, a 25-year-old man was charged with an act with intent to cause grievous harm to his 45-year-old de facto partner. The accused allegedly struck the partner with a cane knife.

There was one incident where a 46-year-old man was charged with an act with intent to cause grievous harm to a 53-year-old man. The accused was also charged with damaging property and attempted arson.

There was one incident where a 48-year-old man was charged with one count of arson for allegedly setting fire to his 86-year-old father's home.

In another incident, a 19-year-old man and a 25-year-old man were charged with arson, attempted arson, aggravated burglary and theft. The two allegedly set fires to a shop and a mosque and broke into another store and stole goods worth \$6,106.90.

Cash and assorted items ranging from \$133 to \$63,600 were stolen during the alleged aggravated robbery, aggravated burglary and theft offences which consisted of home invasions, shop burglaries, daylight and night street robberies.

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

**ODPP Serious Crime (Non- Sexual Violence Offences) October 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
Manslaughter by breach of duty	1	1	1	0	1	0
Aggravated robbery	6	9	6	1	0	0
Robbery	1	1	1	0	0	0
Aggravated burglary	14	28	8	0	0	0
Attempted aggravated burglary	1	2	1	0	0	0
Burglary	1	1	1	1	0	0
Theft	14	28	8	1	0	0
Receiving stolen property	1	1	1	0	0	0
Assault causing grievous bodily harm	7	7	7	0	4	4
Act with intent to cause grievous harm	4	4	4	0	3	0
Serious Assault	4	2	2	1	0	0
Grievous harm	1	1	2	0	1	0
Arson	2	3	2	0	1	0
Attempted arson	4	5	3	1	1	0
Dangerous driving occasioning grievous bodily harm	1	1	1	0	0	1
Failure to comply with requirements following an accident	1	1	0	0	0	1
Driving under influence of alcohol	2	2	1	0	0	2
Careless driving	6	6	4	0	0	6
Unlawful possession of illicit drugs	2	2	0	0	0	1

Attempted unlawful importation of illicit drugs	1	2	0	0	0	0
Unlawful use of illicit drugs	1	1	0	0	0	1
Criminal intimidation	1	1	2	0	0	0
Damaging property	2	4	2	0	0	0
Breach of bail conditions	1	1	0	0	0	0
Breach of curfew orders	1	1	0	0	0	1
TOTAL	80	74*	42*	5	8*	14*
	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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