



ODPP MEDIA UPDATE

ODPP Serious Crime (Non-Sexual Violence Offences) Statistics – November 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 79 people charged with a total of 72 counts of separate incidents in November. The offences were murder (2), aggravated robbery (20), attempted aggravated robbery (1), robbery (2), aggravated burglary (12), burglary (1), theft (14), assault causing grievous bodily harm (2), act with intent to cause grievous harm (1), assault (2), unlawful wounding (1), unlawful cultivation of illicit drugs (1), unlawful possession of illicit drugs (2), careless driving (5), criminal intimidation (5) and damaging property (1).

Of the 79 accused persons, 13 were juveniles and 6 were police officers. The juveniles were charged with aggravated robbery, robbery, aggravated burglary, theft and damaging property.

Of the 13 juveniles, one 17-year-old boy was charged with the murder of a 60-year-old taxi driver. The accused was also charged with robbery. The accused allegedly strangled the victim and stole \$15 cash and a mobile phone.

There were 47 victims of the 72 counts of separate incidents. There were 10 incidents where the accused and victim were related to one another.

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

A 45-year-old police officer was charged with one count of criminal intimidation. The accused allegedly threatened his 36-year-old de facto partner with a cane knife.

There was one incident where a 38-year-old man was charged with the murder of his 60-year-old father. The accused allegedly punched his father in the head which resulted in his death.

A 35-year-old man was charged with the assault causing actual bodily harm to his wife. The accused allegedly assaulted his wife with a mop handle.

In another incident, a 24-year-old man was charged with the assault causing actual bodily harm to his uncle. The accused allegedly assaulted his uncle with a piece of wood.

A 29-year-old woman was charged with an act with intent to cause grievous harm to her 62-year-old husband. The accused allegedly assaulted the victim with a cane knife.

There were four separate incidents of criminal intimidation where the accused and victims were related to one another. ***(The details of these cases were published in the sexual crimes statistics).***

Cash and assorted items ranging from \$30 to \$249,477 were stolen during the alleged aggravated robbery, aggravated burglary and theft offences which consisted of home invasions, shop burglaries, taxi car jacks, daylight and night street robberies.

There was one incident where a 38, year-old man, a 39-year-old and a 49-year-old man were charged with two counts aggravated robbery. The accused persons allegedly stole a taxi worth \$22,000 and then robbed a man of a money bag containing \$249,477 cash.

In another incident, a 37-year-old man, a 44-year-old man and a 47-year-old man were charged with three counts of aggravated robbery. The accused persons allegedly stole \$55,000 cash and assorted jewellery from a money lender.

A 44-year-old man was charged with the unlawful cultivation of illicit drugs. The accused allegedly cultivated 2860 plants of *cannabis sativa*.

A 21-year-old man and a 31-year-old man were charged with the unlawful possession of illicit drugs. The accused persons allegedly had 6.34 kilograms and 0.912 grams of *cannabis sativa* in their possession.

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

**ODPP Serious Crime (Non- Sexual Violence Offences) November 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	2	2	2	0	1	0
Aggravated robbery	20	33	22	1	0	0
Attempted aggravated robbery	1	1	1	1	0	0
Robbery	2	2	2	0	0	0
Aggravated burglary	12	23	8	1	0	0
Burglary	1	2	2	0	0	0
Theft	14	27	10	1	0	0
Assault causing grievous bodily harm	2	2	2	0	2	0
Act with intent to cause grievous harm	1	1	1	0	1	0
Assault	2	1	1	0	1	0
Unlawful wounding	1	1	1	0	0	0
Unlawful cultivation of illicit drugs	1	1	0	0	0	0
Unlawful possession of illicit drugs	2	2	0	0	0	0
Careless driving	5	5	2	0	0	5
Criminal intimidation	5	5	5	0	5	1
Damaging property	1	1	1	0	0	1
TOTAL	72	79*	47*	3*	10	6

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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