



ODPP MEDIA UPDATE

ODPP Serious Crime (Non-Sexual Violence Offences) Statistics – December 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 62 people charged with a total of 62 counts of separate incidents in December. The offences were murder (2), attempted murder (1), manslaughter (1), aggravated robbery (7), attempted aggravated robbery (2), aggravated burglary (12), burglary (1), theft (11), assault causing grievous bodily harm (5), act with intent to cause grievous harm (6), assault (1), serious assault (1), unlawful wounding (1), unlawful possession of illicit drugs (1), dangerous driving (1) careless driving (2), arson (1), attempted arson (1), damaging property (1), escape from lawful custody (1), indecently annoying (2) and breach of suspended sentence (1).

Of the 62 accused persons, 11 were juveniles and eight were police officers. The juveniles were charged with aggravated robbery, robbery, aggravated burglary, theft and damaging property.

Of the eight police officers, two were charged with careless driving and one was charged with dangerous driving.

A 27-year-old police officer and a 28-year-old police officer were charged with assault causing actual bodily harm to their 21-year-old and 29-year-old wives.

A 29-year-old police officer was charged with assault causing actual bodily harm to his 37-year-old de facto partner while a 43-year-old police officer was charged with the assault of his 30-year-old de facto partner.

There was one incident where a 31-year-old police officer was charged with the unlawful possession of illicit drugs.

There were 43 victims of the 62 counts of separate incidents. There were 15 incidents where the accused and victim were related to one another.

A 50-year-old man was charged with the murder of his 39-year-old de facto partner.

There was one incident where a 32-year-old man, a 33-year-old man, a 35-year-old man and two 55-year-old men were charged with the murder of a 29-year-old man.

A 68-year-old man was charged with the attempted murder of his 53-year-old wife. The accused allegedly attempted to kill his wife with a cane knife.

In another incident, a 20-year-old man was charged with the manslaughter of a 54-year-old man. The accused and the victim were fighting when the victim fell and hit his head on the road which resulted in his death.

A 58-year-old man was charged with an act with intent to cause grievous bodily harm to his 54-year-old wife. The accused allegedly cut off his wife's hand with a cane knife and threatened to cut off her head.

In another incident, a 35-year-old woman was charged with an act with intent to cause grievous bodily harm to her mother by pouring boiling water on her, however, this matter was withdrawn due to the accused person's mental condition.

A 34-year-old man was charged with an act with intent to cause grievous harm to his de facto partner, while in another incident, a 44-year-old man was charged with an act with intent cause grievous harm to his 36-year-old wife.

A 34-year-old man was charged with an act with intent to cause grievous harm and assault causing actual bodily harm to his 29-year-old wife. The accused allegedly poured boiling water on his wife and assaulted her with a rolling pin.

In another incident, a 23-year-old woman was charged with an act with intent to cause grievous bodily harm to her 22-year-old sister. The accused allegedly attacked the victim with a cane knife. She is also charged with breach of a suspended sentence.

A 27-year-old man was charged with one count of arson. The accused allegedly set fire to his de facto partner's house.

In another incident, a 23-year-old man was charged with the attempted arson of a police post.

Cash and assorted items ranging from \$114 to \$46,731.75 were stolen during the alleged aggravated robbery, aggravated burglary and theft offences which consisted of home invasions, school break-ins, shop burglaries, taxi car jacks, daylight and night street robberies.

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

**ODPP Serious Crime (Non- Sexual Violence Offences) December 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	7	2	0	1	0
Attempted murder	1	1	1	0	1	0
Manslaughter	1	1	1	0	0	0
Aggravated robbery	7	5	6	0	0	0
Attempted aggravated robbery	2	3	2	0	0	0
Aggravated burglary	12	25	13	1	0	0
Burglary	1	1	1	0	0	0
Theft	11	24	12	1	0	0
Assault causing grievous bodily harm	5	5	5	0	4	3
Act with intent to cause grievous harm	6	6	6	1	6	0
Assault	1	1	1	0	1	1
Serious assault	1	1	1	0	0	0
Unlawful wounding	1	1	1	0	1	0
Unlawful possession of illicit drugs	1	1	0	0	0	1
Dangerous driving	1	1	2	0	0	1
Careless driving	2	2	2	0	0	2
Arson	1	1	1	0	1	0
Attempted arson	1	1	0	0	0	0
Damaging property	1	2	1	0	0	0
Escape from lawful custody	1	1	0	0	0	0

Indecently annoying	2	1	2	0	1	0
Breach of suspended sentence	1	1	0	0	0	0
TOTAL	62	62*	43*	2*	15*	8
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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