



ODPP MEDIA UPDATE

ODPP Serious Crime (Non-Sexual Violence Offences) Statistics – January 2022

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 68 people charged with a total of 81 counts of separate incidents in January. The offences were murder (2), attempted murder (1), manslaughter arising from breach of duty (1), aggravated robbery (12), attempted aggravated robbery (2), aggravated burglary (11), attempted aggravated burglary (1), burglary (2), theft (13), attempted theft (1), assault (2), serious assault (3), assault causing actual bodily harm (13), act with intent to cause grievous harm (4), unlawful wounding (2), criminal intimidation (3), wrongful confinement (1), criminal trespass (1), drinking and driving with excess blood alcohol (1), careless driving (1), arson (1), attempt to commit arson (1), unlawful possession of illicit drugs (1) and failure to comply with health orders (1).

Of the 68 accused persons, one was a juvenile and 11 were police officers. A 17-year-old boy with a 19-year-old man was charged with burglary and theft of goods worth \$585.

There was one incident where four police officers were charged with criminal intimidation, assault causing actual bodily harm, act with intent to cause grievous bodily harm, unlawful wounding and wrongful confinement of a 20-year-old man whom they suspected of being a drug user. The DPP has sanctioned the charges for the same and the file has been sent to police to formally charge these officers.

In another incident, a 40-year-old police officer was charged with assault causing actual bodily harm and unlawful wounding to a 26-year-old man in custody. The DPP has sanctioned the charges for the same and the file has been sent to police to charge the officer.

A 52-year-old police officer was charged with drinking and driving with excess blood alcohol while in another incident, a 25-year-old police officer was charged with careless driving.

A 29-year-old police officer was charged with assault of his 21-year-old wife while in another incident, a 22-year-old police officer was charged with assault causing actual bodily harm to his 22-year-old girlfriend.

There was one incident where a 43-year-old police officer was charged with assault causing actual bodily harm to her 11-year-old stepdaughter.

A 45-year-old police officer was charged with failure to comply with health orders for allegedly breaching curfew hours.

There were 49 victims of the 81 counts of separate incidents. There were 11 incidents where the accused and victim were related to one another.

A 34-year-old woman was charged with the murder of her new-born baby while in another incident, a 45-year-old man was charged with the murder of his 20-year-old de facto partner.

There was one incident where a 41-year-old man was charged with the attempted murder of his 31-year-old de facto partner. The accused allegedly stabbed his partner with a knife.

A 23-year-old woman was charged with manslaughter arising from breach of duty. The accused failed to adequately supervise her 1 year and 3 month old daughter and the victim was run over by a car which resulted in her death.

There was one incident where a 43-year-old man was charged with an act with intent to cause grievous bodily harm and criminal trespass. The accused allegedly assaulted and wounded his 31-year-old wife with a beer bottle.

A 48-year-old man was charged with assault causing actual bodily harm to his 38-year-old nephew while in another incident, a 48-year-old man was charged with assault causing actual bodily harm to his 30-year-old and 40-year-old siblings.

There was one incident where a 25-year-old man was charged with criminal intimidation and assault causing actual bodily harm to his 34-year-old wife. The accused allegedly threatened his wife and pushed her head under water.

In another incident, a 40-year-old man was charged with assault causing actual bodily harm and arson. The accused allegedly assaulted his 36-year-old de facto partner and set her house on fire.

There was one incident where a 35-year-old man was charged with unlawful possession of illicit drugs, aggravated burglary, theft and assault causing actual bodily harm. The accused allegedly had 3.7 grams of *cannabis sativa* in his possession. He is also alleged to have assaulted a 41-year-old man and stolen goods worth \$600.

Cash and assorted items ranging from \$22 to \$55,000 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.

Of the 12 counts of aggravated robbery, five of the victims were taxi drivers who were allegedly robbed of cash and assorted items.

Refer to the table entitled *ODPP Serious Crime (Non-Sexual Violence Offences) Statistics January 2022* for a break-down of these statistics.

**ODPP Serious Crime (Non- Sexual Violence Offences) January 2022**

	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	2	0
Attempted murder	1	1	1	0	1	0
Manslaughter arising from breach of duty	1	1	1	0	1	0
Aggravated robbery	12	18	13	2	0	0
Attempted aggravated robbery	2	2	2	0	0	0
Aggravated burglary	11	19	10	1	0	0
Attempted aggravated burglary	1	2	1	0	0	0
Burglary	2	3	2	0	0	0
Theft	13	20	8	1	0	0
Attempted theft	1	1	1	0	0	0
Assault	2	2	4	0	2	1
Serious assault	3	3	2	0	0	0
Assault causing grievous bodily harm	13	14	11	0	6	7
Act with intent to cause grievous harm	4	7	4	0	3	4
Unlawful wounding	2	5	2	0	0	5
Criminal intimidation	3	6	5	0	2	4
Wrongful confinement	1	4	1	0	0	4
Criminal trespass	1	1	1	0	1	0
Drinking and driving with excess blood alcohol	1	1	0	0	0	1
Careless driving	1	1	1	0	0	0

Arson	1	1	1	0	1	0
Attempt to commit arson	1	1	1	0	0	0
Unlawful possession of illicit drugs	1	1	0	0	0	0
Failure to comply with health orders	1	1	0	0	0	1
TOTAL	81	68*	49*	3*	11*	11*
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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