



ODPP MEDIA UPDATE

ODPP Serious Crime (Non-Sexual Violence Offences) Statistics – February 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 46 people charged with a total of 55 counts of separate incidents in February. The offences were murder (1), manslaughter (1), aggravated robbery (11), aggravated burglary (12), burglary (4), theft (14), assault causing actual bodily harm (4), serious assault (1), act with intent to cause grievous harm (2), unlawful wounding (2), unlawful cultivation of illicit drugs (1) and criminal intimidation (2).

Of the 46 accused persons, four were juveniles.

A 17-year-old boy was charged with the aggravated robbery of a mobile phone and \$70 cash from a 29-year-old taxi driver while in another incident, a 17-year-old boy was charged with the aggravated robbery of \$70 cash from a 69-year-old taxi driver.

In another incident, a 17-year-old boy was charged with the aggravated robbery of a mobile phone, a watch, a USB drive and \$60 cash from a 37-year-old taxi driver.

A 17-year-old boy and a 20-year-old man were charged with the aggravated burglary and theft of \$160 cash and assorted groceries from a canteen.

There were 32 victims of the 55 counts of separate incidents.

There was one incident where a 37-year-old man was charged with the murder of a 22-year-old man. The accused allegedly beat the victim multiple times with a stick following an altercation which resulted in his death.

In another incident, a 32-year-old man was charged with the manslaughter of a 47-year-old man. The accused allegedly struck the victim when the victim was trying to pick his pocket. The victim fell and hit his head on the pavement resulting in his death.

A 23-year-old woman was charged with assault causing actual bodily harm to a 25-year-old man. The accused allegedly stabbed the victim in the back with a knife at a drinking party.

There was one incident where a 32-year-old man was charged with assault causing actual bodily harm, act with intent to cause grievous bodily harm and criminal intimidation. The accused allegedly assaulted his 17-year-old pregnant girlfriend.

In another incident, a 38-year-old man was charged with an act with intent to cause grievous bodily harm to a 27-year-old man. The accused allegedly attacked the victim with a cane knife at a drinking party.

A 28-year-old man was charged with the unlawful wounding of a 21-year-old man and a 24-year-old man at a drinking party.

Cash and assorted items ranging from \$60 to \$37,364 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.

A 21-year-old man was charged with the unlawful cultivation of illicit drugs. The accused allegedly cultivated 484 plants of *cannabis sativa*.

Six cases were withdrawn after discontinuances (*Nolle Prosequi*) were filed due to incomplete investigation, loss of exhibits, insufficient evidence and non-appearance of witnesses.

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

	ODPP Serious Crime (Non- Sexual Violence Offences) February 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	1	1	1	0	0	0
Manslaughter	1	1	1	0	0	0
Aggravated robbery	11	18	11	4	0	0
Aggravated burglary	12	18	11	1	0	0
Burglary	4	6	3	0	0	0
Theft	14	17	10	0	0	0
Assault causing grievous bodily harm	4	3	3	1	0	0
Serious assault	1	1	1	0	0	0
Act with intent to cause grievous harm	2	2	2	0	0	0
Unlawful wounding	2	1	2	0	0	0
Unlawful cultivation of illicit drugs	1	1	0	0	0	0
Criminal intimidation	2	2	2	1	0	0
TOTAL	55	46*	32*	6*	0	0

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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