



ODPP MEDIA UPDATE

ODPP Serious Crime (Non-Sexual Violence Offences) Statistics – April 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 63 people charged with a total of 76 counts of separate incidents in April. The offences were murder (3), maliciously administering poison with intent to do harm (1), aggravated robbery (14), aggravated burglary (19), attempted theft (1), theft (19), act with intent to cause grievous harm (3), assault causing actual bodily harm (3), serious assault (2), unlawful wounding (1), attempted wounding (1), wrongful confinement (1), general dishonesty (5), abuse of office (1) and drunk and disorderly (2).

Of the 63 accused persons, one was juvenile and two were police officers. The juvenile was charged with the aggravated robbery of a taxi driver.

One police officer was charged with drunk and disorderly conduct while another police officer was charged with abuse of office for allegedly failing to register \$2,600 as an exhibit.

There were 49 victims of the 76 counts of separate incidents. There were seven incidents where the accused and the victims were related to one another.

A 27-year-old man was charged with the murder of his 25-year-old girlfriend.

A 29-year-old man was charged with the murder of a 60-year-old man. The accused allegedly assaulted the victim which resulted in his death.

In another incident, a 22-year-old man was charged with the murder of a 52-year-old man. The accused allegedly stabbed the victim with a knife.

There was one incident where a 25-year-old woman was charged with maliciously administering poison with intent to do harm. The accused allegedly gave benzene to her 6 month old daughter with the intent to kill her.

A 70-year-old woman was charged with an act with intent to cause grievous harm to her 55-year-old husband. The accused allegedly attacked the victim with a kitchen knife whilst he was sleeping.

In another incident, a 36-year-old woman was charged with an act with intent to cause grievous harm to her 25-year-old step sister while in another incident, a 26-year-old man was charged with an act with intent to cause grievous harm and attempted wounding of his 36-year-old family member.

A 43-year-old man was charged with assault causing actual bodily harm to his 47-year-old de facto partner. The accused allegedly assaulted his partner with the flat end of a cane knife.

In another incident, three men were charged with assault causing actual bodily harm to a 62-year-old man and a 22-year-old man.

There was one incident where a 40-year-old woman was earlier charged with trafficking in persons and obtaining property by deception alongside her 35-year-old sister, however, this matter was discontinued due to insufficient evidence against the 40-year-old accused person but the charges against the 35-year-old accused were reduced to five counts of general dishonesty.

Cash and assorted items ranging from \$25 to \$8,465 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.

Six cases were withdrawn after discontinuances (*Nolle Prosequi*) were filed due to insufficient evidence.

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

**ODPP Serious Crime (Non- Sexual Violence Offences) April 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	3	3	3	0	1	0
Maliciously administering poison with the intent to do harm	1	1	1	0	1	0
Aggravated robbery	14	20	14	1	0	0
Aggravated burglary	19	28	19	3	0	0
Attempted theft	1	1	2	0	0	0
Theft	19	28	19	3	0	0
Act with intent to cause grievous harm	3	3	3	0	3	0
Assault causing grievous bodily harm	3	2	2	0	1	0
Serious Assault	2	2	2	0	0	0
Unlawful wounding	1	1	1	0	0	0
Attempted wounding	1	1	1	0	1	0
Wrongful confinement	1	1	1	1	1	0
General dishonesty	5	1	5	0	0	0
Abuse of office	1	1	0	0	0	1
Drunk and disorderly	2	2	2	0	0	1
TOTAL	76	63*	49*	5*	7*	2

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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