



ODPP MEDIA UPDATE

ODPP Serious Crime (Non-Sexual Violence Offences) Statistics – June 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 June. The offences were murder (6), attempted murder (1), manslaughter by breach of duty (1), aggravated robbery (9), attempted aggravated robbery (1), robbery (1), aggravated burglary (5), attempted aggravated burglary (1), theft (6), assault causing actual bodily harm (4), act with intent to cause grievous harm (4), unlawful wounding (1), criminal intimidation (6), arson (2), attempted arson (1), threats at an airport (1), unlawful possession of illicit drugs (2), unlawful use of illicit drugs (1), careless driving (1) and refusal to undergo a breath analysis (1).

There were 42 victims of the 55 counts of separate incidents. There were six incidents where the accused and the victims were related to one another.

Of the 46 accused persons, four were juvenile and five were police officers.

The juveniles were charged with aggravated robbery, aggravated burglary and theft offences.

A 24-year-old police officer was charged with assault causing actual bodily harm to his 26-year-old wife.

A 26-year-old police officer was charged with the unlawful possession of illicit drugs.

There were two separate incidents where a 32-year-old police officer and a 43-year-old police officer was charged with the unlawful use of illicit drugs and unlawful possession of illicit drugs, however, these cases were withdrawn due to insufficient evidence.

A 28-year-old police officer was charged with careless driving and refusal to undergo a breath analysis.

There was one incident where a 29-year-old man was charged with five counts of murder, one count of attempted murder and one count of criminal intimidation. The accused allegedly murdered and attempted to murder the crew members on his boat at sea.

In another incident, a 33-year-old man was charged with the murder of a 16-year-old boy. The accused allegedly strangled the victim with a shoelace after he knocked him unconscious.

A 26-year-old woman was charged with manslaughter by breach of duty after her 1 year 3 month old daughter was run over by a reversing car.

A 44-year-old man was charged with assault causing actual bodily harm to his 26-year-old wife while in another incident a 49-year-old man was charged with assault causing actual bodily harm to his 12-year-old stepdaughter.

In another incident, a 38-year-old man was charged with assault causing actual bodily harm and criminally intimidating his 34-year-old wife.

A 22-year-old man was charged with the unlawful wounding of his 19-year-old sister. The accused allegedly hit the victim with a wooden stick because she was drinking alcohol.

There was one incident where a 19-year-old man was charged with an act with intent to cause grievous harm, attempted arson and criminal intimidation. The accused allegedly attacked three people with a cane knife after a drinking party.

In another incident, a 39-year-old man was charged with an act with intent to cause grievous harm to a 28-year-old man outside a night club.

A 48-year-old man was charged with an act with intent to cause grievous harm to his 56-year-old neighbour. The accused allegedly attacked his neighbour with a spade.

In another incident, a 26-year-old man was charged with an act with intent to cause grievous harm to a 33-year-old man. The accused allegedly hit the victim with a torch after drinking and confronting the victim for having an affair with his wife.

A 54-year-old man was charged with arson. The accused allegedly set fire to a house.

In another incident, a 23-year-old man was charged with arson. The accused allegedly set fire to his neighbour's house after an argument.

Cash and assorted items ranging from \$50 to \$4,454 were stolen during the alleged aggravated robbery, aggravated burglary and theft offences which consisted of home invasions, shop burglaries, carjacking, daylight and night street robberies.

There was one incident where a 66-year-old man was charged for making threats at an airport. The accused allegedly stated that he was carrying a gun in his bag to the security officer.

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

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

**ODPP Serious Crime (Non- Sexual Violence Offences) June 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	6	2	6	0	0	0
Attempted murder	1	1	1	0	0	0
Manslaughter by breach of duty	1	1	1	0	1	0
Aggravated robbery	9	13	11	2	0	0
Attempted aggravated robbery	1	1	1	1	0	0
Robbery	1	1	1	0	0	0
Aggravated burglary	5	8	5	1	0	0
Attempted aggravated burglary	1	4	1	0	0	0
Theft	6	10	6	0	0	0
Assault causing grievous bodily harm	4	4	4	0	4	1
Acts with intent to cause grievous harm	4	4	6	0	0	0
Unlawful wounding	1	1	1	0	1	0
Criminal intimidation	6	3	5	0	1	0
Arson	2	2	2	0	0	0
Attempted arson	1	1	1	0	0	0
Threats at an airport	1	1	0	0	0	0
Unlawful possession of illicit drugs	2	2	0	1	0	2
Unlawful use of illicit drugs	1	1	0	1	0	1
Careless driving	1	1	0	0	0	1
Refusal to undergo breath analysis	1	1	0	0	0	1
TOTAL	55	46*	42*	6	6*	5*

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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