



ODPP MEDIA UPDATE

ODPP Serious Crime (Non-Sexual Violence Offences) Statistics – July 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 101 people charged with a total of 95 counts of separate incidents in July. The offences were murder (1), attempted murder (1), manslaughter by breach of duty (1), aggravated robbery (20), attempted aggravated robbery (2), aggravated burglary (22), burglary (2), theft (25), assault causing actual bodily harm (2), act with intent to cause grievous harm (2), attempt to cause grievous harm (2) unlawful wounding (1), arson (2), careless driving (4), refusal to undergo breath analysis (1), general dishonesty causing a loss (3), criminal trespass (1), criminal intimidation (1), breach of DVRO (1) and disorderly conduct at a police station (1).

There were 78 victims of the 95 counts of separate incidents. There were five incidents where the accused and the victims were related to one another.

Of the 101 accused persons, 21 were juveniles and 10 were police officers.

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

A 28-year-old police officer was charged with criminal trespass and assault causing actual bodily harm to his 27-year-old wife while in another incident, a 27-year-old police officer was charged with the breach of DVRO and assault causing actual bodily harm to his 27-year-old wife.

There was one incident where a 36-year-old police officer was charged with burglary. The accused allegedly broke into the police clubrooms and stole beer worth \$59.95 from the fridge.

In another incident, a 21-year-old police officer was charged with the theft of an ATM card and \$380 cash from another police officer.

A 24-year-old police officer was charged with three counts of general dishonesty causing a loss. The accused allegedly caused a loss of \$270 to the owner of a rental company when he did not return the car on time.

A 32-year-old police officer, a 27-year-old police officer and a 48-year-old police officer were charged with one count each of careless driving in three separate incidents.

In another incident, a 46-year-old police officer was charged with careless driving and refusal to undergo a breath analysis while in another incident, a 27-year-old police officer was charged with disorderly conduct at a police station.

There was one incident where a 36-year-old man was charged with the murder of his 20-year-old brother. The accused allegedly stabbed his brother multiple times with a knife following an altercation.

A 30-year-old man was charged with the attempted murder of a 25-year-old man. The accused allegedly attacked the victim with a knife after a drinking party.

In another incident, 65-year-old man was charged with manslaughter arising from breach of duty, however, this matter was withdrawn due to insufficient evidence.

A 30-year-old man was charged with an act with intent to cause grievous harm to his 20-year-old stepbrother with an axe while in another incident, a 40-year-old woman was charged with an act with intent to cause grievous harm to a 42-year-old man with a knife.

There was one incident where a 41-year-old man was charged with two counts of attempt to cause grievous harm. The accused allegedly used his car as a weapon to repeatedly ram another vehicle.

A 32-year-old man was charged with one count of unlawful wounding. The accused allegedly used a cane knife and a pinch bar to cause injuries to a 34-year-old man.

Cash and assorted items ranging from \$70 to \$11,018.40 were stolen during the alleged aggravated robbery, aggravated burglary and theft offences which consisted of home invasions, shop and canteen burglaries, carjacking, daylight and night street robberies.

There was one incident where a 22-year-old man and a 26-year-old man were charged with two counts of arson. The accused persons allegedly set fire to two market stalls causing \$163,000 worth of estimated damage.

Five 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 July 2022* for a break-down of these statistics.

**ODPP Serious Crime (Non- Sexual Violence Offences) July 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 | 1 | 0 |
| Attempted murder | 1 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Manslaughter by breach of duty | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 |
| Aggravated robbery | 20 | 32 | 22 | 3 | 0 | 0 |
| Attempted aggravated robbery | 2 | 2 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Aggravated burglary | 22 | 44 | 25 | 1 | 0 | 0 |
| Burglary | 2 | 2 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 1 |
| Theft | 25 | 47 | 28 | 1 | 0 | 1 |
| Assault causing grievous bodily harm | 2 | 2 | 2 | 0 | 2 | 2 |
| Acts with intent to cause grievous harm | 2 | 2 | 2 | 0 | 1 | 0 |
| Attempt to cause grievous harm | 2 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Unlawful wounding | 1 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Arson | 2 | 2 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Careless driving | 4 | 4 | 4 | 0 | 0 | 4 |
| Refusal to undergo breath analysis | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 |
| General dishonesty causing a loss | 3 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 |
| Criminal trespass | 1 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 1 |
| Criminal intimidation | 1 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 0 |
| Breach of DVRO | 1 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 1 |
| Disorderly conduct at a police station | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 |
| TOTAL | 95 | 101* | 78* | 5* | 5* | 10* |

*** 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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