



ODPP MEDIA UPDATE

ODPP Serious Crime (Non-Sexual Violence Offences) Statistics – September 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 40 people charged with a total of 49 counts of separate incidents in September. The offences were murder (2), attempted murder (2), manslaughter by breach of duty (1), aggravated robbery (10), attempted robbery (1), robbery (1), aggravated burglary (5), attempted aggravated burglary (2), theft (8), assault causing actual bodily harm (5), act with intent to cause grievous harm (4), serious assault (1), criminal intimidation (2), arson (1), damaging property (2), unlawful possession of illicit drugs (1) and breach of DVRO (1).

There were 36 victims of the 49 counts of separate incidents. There were four incidents where the accused and the victims were related to one another.

Of the 40 accused persons, two were juveniles and one was a police officer.

The juveniles were charged with aggravated robbery and attempted aggravated burglary.

A 25-year-old police officer was charged with one count of assault causing actual bodily harm to a 31-year-old bus driver.

A 42-year-old man was charged with the murder of a 46-year-old woman. The accused was also charged with one count of arson, one count of criminal intimidation and one count of breach of DVRO.

In another incident, a 46-year-old man and a 36-year-old woman were charged with the murder of an 18-year-old man. The couple were also charged for criminally intimidating their 17-year-old daughter.

A 28-year-old man was charged with the attempted murder of a police officer. The accused was also charged with the serious assault of two other police officers.

In another incident, a 45-year-old woman was charged with the attempted murder of her 57-year-old employer.

There was one incident where a 34-year-old man and a 35-year-old woman were charged with manslaughter by breach of duty. The couple failed to seek medical attention after their 2-year-old daughter scalded herself with boiling water. The DPP has sanctioned the charge and the file has been sent to police to charge the parents.

A 38-year-old man was charged with assault causing actual bodily harm to his 15-year-old stepdaughter.

In another incident, a 43-year-old man was charged with assault causing actual bodily harm to his 37-year-old wife. The accused was also charged with two counts of act with intent to cause grievous harm.

A 32-year-old man was charged with assault causing actual bodily harm to his former partner with a razor blade while in another incident, a 21-year-old man was charged with assault causing actual bodily harm to a 57-year-old man.

There was one incident where a 43-year-old man was with an act with intent to cause grievous harm to his workmate after an altercation.

In another incident, a 39-year-old man was charged with an act with intent to cause grievous harm to a 27-year-old man with a cane knife.

Cash and assorted items ranging from \$40 to \$6,048 were stolen during the alleged aggravated robbery, aggravated burglary and theft offences which consisted of home invasions, shop burglaries, daylight and night street robberies.

There was one incident where a 27-year-old man was charged with one count of unlawful possession of illicit drugs.

One case was withdrawn after a discontinuance (*Nolle Prosequi*) was filed due to insufficient evidence.

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

**ODPP Serious Crime (Non- Sexual Violence Offences) September 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	3	2	0	0	0
Attempted murder	2	2	2	0	0	0
Manslaughter by breach of duty	1	2	1	0	1	0
Aggravated robbery	10	17	10	0	0	0
Attempted Robbery	1	1	1	0	0	0
Robbery	1	1	1	0	0	0
Aggravated burglary	5	5	7	1	0	0
Attempted aggravated burglary	2	2	2	0	0	0
Theft	8	5	7	1	0	0
Assault causing grievous bodily harm	5	5	5	0	2	1
Acts with intent to cause grievous harm	4	3	3	0	1	0
Serious assault	1	1	2	0	0	0
Criminal intimidation	2	3	2	0	1	0
Arson	1	1	1	0	0	0
Damaging property	2	1	1	1	0	0
Unlawful possession of illicit drugs	1	1	1	0	0	0
Breach of DVRO	1	1	1	0	0	0
TOTAL	49	40*	36*	1*	4*	1

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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