



## ODPP MEDIA UPDATE

### ODPP Serious Crime (Non-Sexual Violence Offences) Statistics – October 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 49 people charged with a total of 48 counts of separate incidents in October. The offences were murder (4), manslaughter (1), aggravated robbery (7), attempted aggravated robbery (1), robbery (1), aggravated burglary (7), burglary (1), theft (7), attempted theft (2), receiving stolen properties (2), assault causing actual bodily harm (5), act with intent to cause grievous harm (4), arson (1), conspiracy to defraud (1), unlawful importation of illicit drugs (1), unlawful possession of illicit drugs (1), dangerous driving (1) and criminal intimidation (1).

There were 32 victims of the 48 counts of separate incidents. There were seven incidents where the accused and the victims were related to one another.

Of the 49 accused persons, five were juveniles and nine were police officers.

The juveniles were charged with aggravated robbery, aggravated burglary and theft. There was one incident where a 16-year-old boy was charged with burglary and theft of assorted goods worth \$213 from his cousin.

There was one incident where six police officers were charged with the murder of a 27-year-old man. It is alleged that the police officers assaulted the victim over several hours which resulted in his death.

A 54-year-old police officer was charged with assault causing actual bodily harm to his 54-year-old wife.

A 39-year-old police officer was charged with one count of dangerous driving.

There was one incident where a 28-year-old police officer was charged alongside another man with conspiracy to defraud.

A 52-year-old man was charged with the manslaughter of a 28-year-old man, however, this matter was discontinued after the death of the accused person.

There was one incident where a 19-year-old woman was charged with assault causing actual bodily harm to a 39-year-old woman. The accused allegedly poured boiling water on the victim.

In another incident, a 25-year-old man was charged with assault causing actual bodily harm and aggravated robbery. The accused allegedly stole assorted items worth \$6,850 and in the

process tied up a 69-year-old woman and assaulted a 29-year-old man who tried to make a citizen's arrest.

In another incident, a 28-year-old man and a 32-year-old man were charged with assault causing actual bodily harm and act with intent to cause grievous harm to a 32-year-old man during a drinking party.

A 43-year-old man was charged with an act with intent to cause grievous harm to his 35-year-old wife.

In another incident, a 35-year-old man was charged with an act with intent to cause grievous harm to his 32-year-old wife with a hammer. The accused allegedly struck his wife on the head with a hammer.

There was one incident where a 24-year-old man was charged with an act with intent to cause grievous harm to his 23-year-old de facto partner.

Cash and assorted items ranging from \$10 to \$16,050 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 38-year-old man was charged with arson.

A 19-year-old man and a 39-year-old man were charged with the unlawful importation of illicit drugs, however, the case against the 19-year-old was discontinued.

In another incident, a 48-year-old man was charged with the unlawful possession of illicit drugs, however, this matter was discontinued after the loss of exhibits.

Five cases were withdrawn after discontinuances (*Nolle Prosequi*) were filed due to insufficient evidence, death of accused person and missing exhibits.

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



### ODPP Serious Crime (Non- Sexual Violence Offences) October 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
<b>Murder</b>	4	6	1	0	0	6
<b>Manslaughter</b>	1	1	1	1	0	0
<b>Aggravated robbery</b>	7	11	8	1	0	0
<b>Attempted aggravated robbery</b>	1	2	1	0	0	0
<b>Robbery</b>	1	1	1	0	0	0
<b>Aggravated burglary</b>	7	11	8	1	0	0
<b>Burglary</b>	1	1	1	0	1	0
<b>Theft</b>	7	12	9	1	1	0
<b>Attempted theft</b>	2	3	2	0	0	0
<b>Receiving stolen properties</b>	2	2	2	0	0	0
<b>Assault causing grievous bodily harm</b>	5	5	5	0	2	1
<b>Acts with intent to cause grievous harm</b>	4	5	5	0	3	0
<b>Arson</b>	1	1	1	0	0	0
<b>Conspiracy to defraud</b>	1	2	1	0	0	1
<b>Unlawful importation of illicit drugs</b>	1	2	0	1	0	0
<b>Unlawful possession of illicit drugs</b>	1	1	0	1	0	0
<b>Dangerous driving</b>	1	1	0	0	0	1
<b>Criminal intimidation</b>	1	0	0	0	1	0
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>48</b>	<b>49*</b>	<b>32*</b>	<b>5*</b>	<b>7*</b>	<b>9</b>

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. Statistics on Sexual violence offences are recorded and published separately.

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