



## ODPP MEDIA UPDATE

### ODPP Serious Crime (Non-Sexual Violence Offences) Statistics –November 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 67 people charged with a total of 176 counts of separate incidents in November. The offences were murder (3), attempted murder (1) manslaughter (1), manslaughter by breach of duty (1), aggravated robbery (13), attempted aggravated robbery (1), robbery (1), aggravated burglary (20), attempted aggravated burglary (1), attempted burglary (1), theft (25), assault causing actual bodily harm (3), act with intent to cause grievous harm (6), unlawful wounding (1), human trafficking (3), money laundering (86), careless driving (1), unlawful possession of illicit drugs (1), unlawful importation of illicit drugs (1), damaging properties (2), resisting arrest (3) and breach of restraining order (1).

There were 60 victims of the 176 counts of separate incidents. There were eight incidents where the accused and the victims were related to one another.

Of the 67 accused persons, six were juveniles and two were police officers.

A 15-year-old boy, two 17-year-old boys alongside a 19-year-old man were charged with the unlawful wounding of a 29-year-old man. The accused persons allegedly wounded the victim with stones and tree branches.

The other three juveniles were charged with aggravated robbery, aggravated burglary, attempted aggravated burglary and theft.

A 51-year-old police officer was charged with one count of careless driving while a 43-year-old police officer was charged with assault causing actual bodily harm to his 7-year-old daughter by the use of a wooden spoon.

A 23-year-old man was charged with two counts of murder and one count of aggravated robbery. The accused allegedly caused the death of a 69-year-old man and a 67-year-old woman and stole their mobile phone.

In another incident, a 53-year-old man was charged with the murder, attempted murder and breach of restraining order, however, this matter was discontinued after the death of the accused person.

A 29-year-old man was charged with the manslaughter of a 16-year-old boy. The accused allegedly tackled the boy during a fight which resulted in the boy's death.

There was one incident where a 22-year-old woman was charged with manslaughter arising from breach of duty after she neglected to supervise her 2 year 8 month old son which resulted in the child's death by drowning.

A 27-year-old man was charged with assault causing actual bodily harm to his 27-year-old wife and in another incident a 30-year-old man was charged with assault causing actual bodily harm to his 29-year-old wife.

A 40-year-old man was charged with an act with intent to cause grievous harm to his 51-year-old brother-in-law while in another incident, a 37-year-old man was charged with an act with intent to cause grievous harm to his 22-year-old brother-in-law.

In another incident, a 55-year-old man was charged with in an act with intent to cause grievous harm to his 48-year-old wife and in another incident a 29-year-old man was charged with an act with intent to cause grievous harm to his 22-year-old de facto partner.

There was one incident where a 37-year-old man was charged with an act with intent to cause grievous harm to a 23-year-old man. The accused allegedly stabbed the victim with a spike.

Cash and assorted items ranging from \$16 to \$65,299.51 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 two 22-year-old men and a 23-year-old man were charged with aggravated burglary and theft offences. The accused persons allegedly broke into a rental company and stole assorted goods worth \$20,515.

In another incident, a 47-year-old man, a 49-year-old man and a 54-year-old man were charged with aggravated robbery of \$20,000 worth of assorted goods from Pacific Concrete Solutions.

There was one incident where a 34-year-old man was charged with the aggravated robbery of \$25,000 from a 34-year-old woman's house.

A 43-year-old man and a 27-year-old man were charged with the aggravated burglary and theft of cash and assorted goods from two Chinese vessels.

There was one incident where a 46-year-old man was charged with three counts of human trafficking, however, this matter was discontinued after the victims returned to their country and could not be contacted.

A 48-year-old man and a 44-year-old man were charged with 86 counts of money laundering. The accused persons allegedly laundered \$178,000 from the Trust Unit at the iTaukei Land Trust Board. This matter was appealed and the Court of Appeal quashed the convictions of the accused persons and ordered a retrial.

Nine cases were withdrawn after discontinuances (*Nolle Prosequi*) were filed due to insufficient evidence, death of accused person, missing exhibits and victims returning to their countries and could not be contacted.

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

**ODPP Serious Crime (Non- Sexual Violence Offences) November 2022**

	<b>Total No. of Counts</b>	<b>Total No. of accused persons</b>	<b>Total No. of victims</b>	<b>No. of Nolle Prosequi filed</b>	<b>Incidents involving domestic relations</b>	<b>No. of Police officers charged</b>
<b>Murder</b>	3	2	3	1	0	0
<b>Attempted Murder</b>	1	1	1	1	0	0
<b>Manslaughter</b>	1	1	1	0	0	0
<b>Manslaughter by breach of duty</b>	1	1	1	0	1	0
<b>Aggravated robbery</b>	13	18	18	4	0	0
<b>Attempted aggravated robbery</b>	1	2	1	0	0	0
<b>Robbery</b>	1	1	2	0	0	0
<b>Aggravated burglary</b>	20	23	15	1	0	0
<b>Attempted aggravated burglary</b>	1	1	1	0	0	0
<b>Attempted burglary</b>	1	1	1	0	0	0
<b>Theft</b>	25	22	21	1	0	0
<b>Assault causing grievous bodily harm</b>	3	3	3	0	3	1
<b>Acts with intent to cause grievous harm</b>	6	6	6	0	4	0
<b>Unlawful wounding</b>	1	4	1	0	0	0
<b>Human trafficking</b>	3	1	3	1	0	0
<b>Money laundering</b>	86	2	0	0	0	0
<b>Careless driving</b>	1	1	1	0	0	1
<b>Unlawful possession of illicit drugs</b>	1	1	0	1	0	0
<b>Unlawful importation of illicit drugs</b>	1	1	0	1	0	0
<b>Damaging property</b>	2	2	2	0	0	0

<b>Resisting arrest</b>	3	4	3	1	0	0
<b>Breach of restraining order</b>	1	1	2	1	0	0
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>176</b>	<b>67</b>	<b>60</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>2</b>
<b>Source: ODPP Fiji</b>						

**\* 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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