



## ODPP MEDIA UPDATE

### ODPP Serious Crime (Non-Sexual Violence Offences) Statistics –December 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 25 people charged with a total of 28 counts of separate incidents in December. The offences were murder (1), attempted murder (1) manslaughter (1), aggravated robbery (2), aggravated burglary (7), theft (10), serious assault (3), act with intent to cause grievous harm (1), threats and false statements at an airport (2).

There were 17 victims of the 28 counts of separate incidents. There was one incident where the accused and the victim were related to one another.

Of the 25 accused persons, two were juveniles. The juveniles were each charged with aggravated burglary and aggravated robbery offences.

A 48-year-old man was charged with the murder of his 74-year-old father. The accused allegedly struck his father with a cane knife whilst drunk.

There was one incident where two accused persons were charged with the attempted murder of a 70-year-old man. A private prosecution was filed in this matter by a lawyer, however the DPP took over the matter and filed a discontinuance to allow police to complete the investigation.

A 44-year-old man was charged with the manslaughter of a 48-year-old man. The accused allegedly punched the victim who fell and hit his head which resulted in his death.

There was one incident where a 41-year-old man was charged with three counts of serious assault and one count of an act with intent to cause grievous harm. The accused allegedly assaulted two police officers.

Cash and assorted items ranging from \$980 to \$11,000 were stolen during the alleged aggravated robbery, aggravated burglary and theft offences which consisted of home invasions, shop burglaries, carjacking, and night street robberies.

There was one incident where a 50-year-old man was charged with the aggravated robbery of a vehicle. The accused allegedly used a knife to threaten a 65-year-old taxi driver to steal his taxi worth \$11,000 and a mobile phone.

There were two separate incidents where two accused persons were charged with making threats and false statements at an airport. The accused persons allegedly informed security officers that they had bombs in their possession.

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

**ODPP Serious Crime (Non- Sexual Violence Offences) December 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>	1	1	1	0	1	0
<b>Attempted Murder</b>	1	2	1	1	0	0
<b>Manslaughter</b>	1	1	1	0	0	0
<b>Aggravated robbery</b>	2	3	2	0	0	0
<b>Aggravated burglary</b>	7	15	10	0	0	0
<b>Theft</b>	10	15	10	0	0	0
<b>Serious Assault</b>	3	1	2	0	0	0
<b>Acts with intent to cause grievous harm</b>	1	1	2	0	0	0
<b>Threats and false statement at an airport</b>	2	2	0	0	0	0
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>25*</b>	<b>17*</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0</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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