



## ODPP MEDIA UPDATE

### ODPP Serious Crime (Non-Sexual Violence Offences) Statistics – January 2023

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 51 people charged with a total of 62 counts of separate incidents in January. The offences were murder (1), attempted murder (3) manslaughter (1), aggravated robbery (7), attempted aggravated robbery (1), aggravated burglary (8), burglary (2), theft (13), assault causing actual bodily harm (6), assault causing grievous bodily harm (2), serious assault (1), acts with intent to cause grievous harm (4), arson (1), dangerous driving (3), failure to undergo breath analysis (1), driving with excess blood alcohol (3), failure to comply with requirements after an accident (1), driving without a valid licence (1), criminal intimidation (2) and criminal trespass (1).

There were 39 victims of the 62 counts of separate incidents. There were five incidents where the accused and the victim were related to one another.

Of the 51 accused persons, 10 were juveniles and six were police officers. The juveniles were charged with aggravated robbery, burglary, aggravated burglary and theft offences.

A 44-year-old police officer was charged with assault causing actual bodily harm and criminally intimidating his 48-year-old de facto partner.

A 46-year-old police officer was charged with dangerous driving and failing to undergo breath analysis while in another incident, a 27-year-old police officer was charged with driving with excess blood alcohol.

In another incident, a 50-year-old police officer was charged with driving with excess blood alcohol and driving without a valid licence.

There was one incident where a 27-year-old police officer was charged with dangerous driving, driving with excess blood alcohol and failing to comply with requirements after an accident.

A 36-year-old police officer was charged with dangerous driving, however this matter was withdrawn after police failed to file the charges within the statutory timeframe.

There was one incident where a 51-year-old man was charged with the murder of a 19-year-old man. The accused allegedly assaulted the victim and hung him from a tree which resulted in his death. The victim was the accused person's daughter's boyfriend.

A 28-year-old man was charged with the manslaughter of his 31-year-old brother. The accused allegedly punched his brother which resulted in his death.

There was one incident where a 58-year-old man was charged with attempted murder, act with intent to cause grievous harm and criminal trespass. The accused allegedly attempted to murder his 59-year-old brother with a cane knife and cut off his 63-year-old aunt's hand when she tried to defend the victim.

In another incident, a 34-year-old man was charged with attempted murder, assault causing grievous bodily harm and serious assault. The accused allegedly attacked two police officers with a knife and a wooden plank.

A 29-year-old man was charged with the attempted murder of a 56-year-old taxi driver. The accused allegedly stabbed the victim multiple times with a knife.

A 23-year-old man was charged with assault causing actual bodily harm to his 37-year-old cousin while in another incident, a 38-year-old man was charged with assault causing actual bodily harm to his 23-year-old wife.

There was one incident where a 45-year-old man was charged with assault causing actual bodily harm to a 46-year-old man. The accused allegedly assaulted the victim and poured hot tea over him.

A 49-year-old man was charged with an act with intent to cause grievous bodily harm and criminal trespass. The accused allegedly attacked his 42-year-old neighbour after the victim accused him of trespassing and stealing goats.

There was one incident where a 29-year-old man was charged with an act with intent to cause grievous harm to a 55-year-old man. The accused allegedly assaulted the victim with a garden fork after a drinking party.

Cash and assorted items ranging from \$150 to \$10,315 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 32-year-old man was charged with burglary, theft and arson. The accused allegedly stole items worth \$3,400 and tried to burn a sulu however, the fire got out of hand and burned down the house of a 51-year-old man.

Four cases were withdrawn after discontinuances (*Nolle Prosequi*) were filed due to insufficient evidence and police failing to file charges within the statutory time.

Refer to the table entitled *ODPP Serious Crime (Non-Sexual Violence Offences) Statistics January 2023* for a break-down of these statistics.

**ODPP Serious Crime (Non- Sexual Violence Offences) January 2023**

	<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>	1	1	1	0	0	0
<b>Attempted Murder</b>	3	3	4	0	1	0
<b>Manslaughter</b>	1	1	1	0	1	0
<b>Aggravated robbery</b>	7	13	7	2	0	0
<b>Attempted aggravated robbery</b>	1	2	1	0	0	0
<b>Aggravated burglary</b>	8	12	8	0	0	0
<b>Burglary</b>	2	3	2	0	0	0
<b>Theft</b>	13	17	12	0	0	0
<b>Assault causing actual bodily harm</b>	6	5	5	0	3	1
<b>Assault causing grievous bodily harm</b>	2	2	2	0	0	0
<b>Act with intent to cause grievous bodily harm</b>	4	4	5	1	1	0
<b>Serious Assault</b>	1	1	2	0	0	0
<b>Arson</b>	1	1	1	0	0	0
<b>Dangerous driving</b>	3	3	3	1	0	3
<b>Failure to undergo breath analysis</b>	1	1	0	0	0	1
<b>Driving with excess blood alcohol</b>	3	3	0	0	0	3
<b>Failure to comply with requirements after an accident</b>	1	1	0	0	0	1
<b>Driving without a valid licence</b>	1	1	0	0	0	1
<b>Criminal intimidation</b>	2	2	2	0	0	1

<b>Criminal trespass</b>	1	1	1	0	1	0
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>62</b>	<b>51*</b>	<b>39*</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5*</b>	<b>6*</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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