



ODPP MEDIA UPDATE

ODPP Serious Crime (Non-Sexual Violence Offences) Statistics –February 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 79 people charged with a total of 77 counts of separate incidents in February. The offences were murder (1), attempted murder (1), manslaughter (3), aggravated robbery (11), aggravated burglary (15), burglary (1), theft (18), bribery (1), assault causing actual bodily harm (10), acts with intent to cause grievous harm (5), wrongful confinement (1), threats at an airport (1), dangerous driving (1), dangerous driving causing death (1), driving with excess blood alcohol (1), driving without a valid licence (1), drunk and disorderly (1), defeating the course of justice (2), falsification of documents (1) and breach of DVRO (1).

There were 60 victims of the 77 counts of separate incidents. There were 12 incidents where the accused and the victim were related to one another.

Of the 79 accused persons, 12 were juveniles and nine were police officers. The juveniles were charged with aggravated robbery, burglary, aggravated burglary and theft offences.

There was one incident where a 26-year-old police officer was charged with dangerous driving causing death. The accused allegedly hit a 72-year-old woman with his car whilst speeding.

A 27-year-old police officer and a 30-year-old police officer were charged with assault causing actual bodily harm to their 26-year-old and 29-year-old de facto partners.

There was one incident where two 24-year-old police officers were charged with assault causing actual bodily harm to a 22-year-old woman. The accused persons allegedly assaulted the victim who tried to intervene when the two police officers were fighting amongst themselves.

In another incident, a 22-year-old police officer was charged with driving without a valid licence and falsification of documents.

A 39-year-old police officer was charged with driving with excess blood alcohol.

In another incident, a 27-year-old police officer was charged with drunk and disorderly behaviour. The accused allegedly abused a taxi driver who refused to drive him as the accused was very drunk.

A 45-year-old police officer was charged with theft. The accused was the revenue collector of a police station who allegedly stole \$11,716.20.

There was one incident where two men were charged with the murder of a 30-year-old woman while in another incident, a 42-year-old man was charged with the attempted murder of a 22-year-old woman.

A 43-year-old man was charged with the manslaughter of a 37-year-old man. The accused allegedly punched the victim who fell and hit his head on a table which resulted in his death.

In another incident, a 58-year-old man was charged with the manslaughter of his 32-year-old nephew. The accused allegedly punched the victim who fell and hit his head on a concrete floor which resulted in his death.

There was one incident where two 36-year-old men were charged with the manslaughter of a 27-year-old man. The accused persons allegedly punched the victim who fell and hit his head on a concrete floor which resulted in his death.

A 27-year-old man was charged with assault causing actual bodily harm to his 32-year-old de facto partner while in another incident, a 29-year-old man was charged with assault causing actual bodily harm to his 28-year-old brother.

In another incident, a 45-year-old man was charged with an act with intent to cause grievous harm to his de facto partner. The accused allegedly assaulted the victim with a cane knife.

A 69-year-old woman was charged with assault causing actual bodily harm to her daughter's de facto partner. The accused allegedly hit the victim on the head with a hammer.

There was one incident where a 30-year-old man was charged with assault causing actual bodily harm and act with intent to cause grievous bodily harm to a 44-year-old man. The accused allegedly assaulted the victim with a cane knife.

In another incident, a 25-year-old man was charged with an act with intent to cause grievous bodily harm to a 29-year-old woman with a knife.

There was one incident where a 34-year-old man was charged with an act with intent to cause grievous harm to a 19-year-old man. The accused person allegedly stabbed the victim who was a passenger in his taxi after a dispute over a taxi window and the fare.

Cash and assorted items ranging from \$20 to \$19,898 were stolen during the alleged aggravated robbery, aggravated burglary and theft offences which consisted of home invasions, shop burglaries, carjacking, day and night street robberies.

There was one incident where a 27-year-old man was charged with bribery. The accused allegedly offered \$50 to a police officer after he was stopped for a traffic violation.

A 19-year-old man was charged for allegedly making threats at an airport after he told a security officer that he had a bomb inside his bag.

Three cases were withdrawn after discontinuances (*Nolle Prosequi*) were filed due to insufficient evidence and incomplete investigation.

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

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

	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	1	2	1	0	0	0
Attempted Murder	1	1	1	0	0	0
Manslaughter	3	4	3	0	1	0
Aggravated robbery	11	20	16	1	0	0
Aggravated burglary	15	22	16	1	0	0
Burglary	1	1	1	0	0	0
Theft	18	28	20	1	0	1
Bribery	1	1	1	0	0	0
Assault causing actual bodily harm	10	11	9	1	6	3
Act with intent to cause grievous bodily harm	5	5	5	0	2	0
Wrongful confinement	1	3	1	0	0	0
Threats at an airport	1	1	0	0	0	0
Dangerous driving	1	1	1	0	1	0
Dangerous driving causing death	1	1	1	0	0	1
Driving with excess blood alcohol	1	1	0	0	0	1
Driving without a valid licence	1	1	0	0	0	1
Drunk and disorderly	1	1	1	0	0	1
Falsification of documents	1	1	0	0	0	1
Defeating the course of justice	2	1	1	0	1	0
Breach of DVRO	1	1	0	0	0	0

TOTAL	77	79*	60*	3*	12	9
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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