



ODPP MEDIA UPDATE

ODPP Serious Crime (Non-Sexual Violence Offences) Statistics – April 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 46 people charged with a total of 55 counts of separate incidents in April. The offences were murder (2) aggravated robbery (7), attempted aggravated robbery (1), robbery (1) aggravated burglary (13), theft (10), assault causing actual bodily harm (4), serious assault (1), acts with intent to cause grievous harm (3), forgery (1), unlawful cultivation of illicit drugs (2), unlawful possession of illicit drugs (4), unlawful exportation of illicit drugs (4), criminal trespass (1) and escape from lawful custody (1).

There were 32 victims of the 55 counts of separate incidents. There were five incidents where the accused and the victim were related to one another.

Of the 46 accused persons, five were juveniles and one was a police officer. The juveniles were charged with aggravated burglary and theft offences.

There was one incident where four men were charged with the murder of a 61-year-old man. The accused persons were also charged with the aggravated robbery of \$10,493.20 worth of assorted items from the victim's minimart. One of the accused person's was also charged for escaping lawful custody.

In another incident, a 29-year-old man and a 26-year-old man were charged with the murder of a 65-year-old man.

A 42-year-old police was charged with assault causing actual bodily harm to his 36-year-old de facto partner while in another incident, a 26-year-old man was charged with assault causing actual bodily harm to his 26-year-old wife.

There was one incident where a 66-year-old man was charged with assault causing actual bodily harm to a 30-year-old woman, however, this matter was discontinued after the death of the accused person.

A 63-year-old man was charged with an act with intent to cause grievous harm to his 32-year-old nephew while in another incident, a 22-year-old woman was charged with an act with intent to cause grievous harm to her 30-year-old de facto partner.

Cash and assorted items ranging from \$40 to \$12,138 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 two 15-year-old boys were charged with the aggravated burglary and theft of \$12,138 worth of assorted items from a school.

In another incident, a 17-year-old boy with a 27-year-old man was charged with the aggravated burglary and theft of \$1,009 worth of assorted items from a 33-year-old man's home. The accused persons were also charged with serious assault for resisting arrest.

A 36-year-old man was charged with the unlawful cultivation of 6.19 kilograms of *cannabis sativa*.

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

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

	ODPP Serious Crime (Non- Sexual Violence Offences) April 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	2	6	2	0	0	0
Aggravated robbery	7	8	7	0	0	0
Attempted aggravated robbery	1	2	1	0	0	0
Robbery	1	2	1	0	0	0
Aggravated Burglary	13	19	12	1	0	0
Theft	10	16	12	1	0	0
Assault causing actual bodily harm	4	4	4	1	2	1
Serious assault	1	2	2	0	0	0
Act with intent to cause grievous bodily harm	3	3	3	1	3	0
Forgery	1	2	2	0	0	0
Unlawful possession of illicit drugs	4	2	0	1	0	0
Unlawful exportation of illicit drugs	4	2	0	1	0	0
Unlawful cultivation of illicit drugs	2	2	0	1	0	0
Criminal trespass	1	1	1	0	0	0
Escape from lawful custody	1	1	0	0	0	0
TOTAL	55	46*	32*	5*	5	1
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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