



## ODPP MEDIA UPDATE

### ODPP Serious Crime (Non-Sexual Violence Offences) Statistics – May 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 37 people charged with a total of 50 counts of separate incidents in May. The offences were murder (2), attempted murder (1), manslaughter (2), aggravated robbery (9), aggravated burglary (2), theft (7), arson (2), assault causing actual bodily harm (7), common assault (1), acts with intent to cause grievous harm (6), unlawful wounding (2), wrongful confinement (1), criminal intimidation (7), and breach of suspended sentence (1).

There were 42 victims of the 50 counts of separate incidents. There were 10 incidents where the accused and the victim were related to one another.

Of the 37 accused persons, one was a juvenile. The juvenile was charged with one count of aggravated robbery and one count of theft.

A 29-year-old man was charged with the murder of his 41-year-old uncle.

In another incident, a 27-year-old man was charged with the murder of his 25-year-old girlfriend, however, this matter was discontinued due to insufficient and inconsistent evidence.

There was one incident where a 41-year-old man was charged with the attempted murder of a 31-year-old woman. The accused allegedly struck the victim with a kitchen knife.

There was one incident where a 39-year-old woman was charged with vehicular manslaughter. The accused allegedly drove a vehicle in a reckless manner which resulted in an accident and caused the death of her 37-year-old husband.

In another incident, a 43-year-old man was charged with the manslaughter of a 37-year-old man. The accused allegedly hit the victim causing him to fall back and hit his head on the pavement which resulted in his death.

A 57-year-old man was charged with assault causing actual bodily harm and criminally intimidating his 50-year-old wife and 10-year-old son.

In another incident, a 42-year-old man was charged with the assault causing actual bodily harm to his 38-year-old wife.

There was one incident where a 46-year-old man was charged with an act with intent to cause grievous harm to his 21-year-old stepson and criminally intimidating his son's in-laws.

A 30-year-old man was charged with an act with intent to cause grievous harm to his 39-year-old de facto partner with a cane knife.

In another incident a 47-year-old man was charged with an act with intent to cause grievous harm to his 39-year-old brother. The accused was charged for allegedly biting his brother's ear.

A 37-year-old man was charged with unlawfully wounding and criminally intimidating his 38-year-old de facto partner and the de facto partner's sister. The accused person allegedly wounded his de facto partner with a kitchen knife and threatened the victim's sister.

There was one incident where four men were charged with assault causing actual bodily harm, act with intent to cause grievous harm, criminal intimidation and wrongful confinement of a 20-year-old man. The accused persons allegedly locked the victim inside a vehicle and assaulted him multiple times.

A 30-year-old man was charged with the assault causing actual bodily harm and act with intent to cause grievous harm to a 44-year-old man.

In another incident, a 44-year-old man was charged with the assault causing actual bodily harm to his 34-year-old friend with a chopper. The accused was also charged with the breach of his suspended sentence.

A 59-year-old woman was charged with common assault and criminally intimidating a 19-year-old woman, 22-year-old woman and a 43-year-old woman.


There were two incidents of arson. A 30-year-old man with arson and criminal intimidation. The accused allegedly set fire to his 21-year-old de facto partner's house and threatened the victim's mother.

In another incident, a 38-year-old man was charged with arson. The accused allegedly set fire to his 34-year-old nephew's house.

Cash and assorted items ranging from \$50 to \$12,150 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.

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

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

	ODPP Serious Crime (Non- Sexual Violence Offences) May 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	2	2	1	1	0
Attempted murder	1	1	1	0	0	0
Manslaughter	2	2	2	0	1	0
Aggravated robbery	9	9	9	1	0	0
Aggravated burglary	2	3	2	1	0	0
Theft	7	9	7	2	0	0
Arson	2	2	2	0	2	0
Assault causing actual bodily harm	7	7	7	0	4	0
Common Assault	1	1	1	0	0	0
Act with intent to cause grievous bodily harm	6	6	6	0	3	0
Unlawful wounding	2	1	2	0	1	0
Wrongful confinement	1	4	1	0	0	0
Criminal intimidation	7	7	11	0	4	0
Breach of suspended sentence	1	1	0	0	0	0
TOTAL	50	37*	42*	3*	10*	0
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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