



ODPP MEDIA UPDATE

ODPP Serious Crime (Non-Sexual Violence Offences) Statistics – June 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 30 people charged with a total of 32 counts of separate incidents in June. The offences were murder (1), attempted murder (1), aggravated robbery (4), attempted aggravated robbery (1), aggravated burglary (7), burglary (2), theft (9), assault causing actual bodily harm (3), acts with intent to cause grievous harm (2), arson (1), and criminal intimidation (1).

There were 26 victims of the 32 counts of separate incidents. There were four incidents where the accused and the victim were related to one another.

Of the 30 accused persons, three were juveniles.

A 25-year-old man and a 21-year-old man were charged with the murder of a 28-year-old man. The accused persons allegedly assaulted the victim outside a night club which resulted in his death.

There was one incident where a 43-year-old man was charged with the attempted murder of his 37-year-old de facto partner. The accused was also charged with one count of arson for allegedly setting fire to an 81-year-old man's house.

A 33-year-old man was charged with assault causing actual bodily harm to his 33-year-old brother-in-law while in another incident, a 31-year-old man was charged with assault causing actual bodily harm to his girlfriend.

In another incident, a 71-year-old man was charged with assault causing actual bodily harm and criminally intimidating a 44-year-old man, however, this matter was discontinued due to insufficient evidence.

A 40-year-old man was charged with an act with intent to cause grievous harm to his 50-year-old cousin brother.

Cash and assorted items ranging from \$60 to \$16,799 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 an 18-year-old man and a 20-year-old man were charged with burglary and theft. The two allegedly stole two bottles of Red Label alcohol, mobile phones and assorted accessories from their grandmother's house.

In another incident, a 17-year-old boy with a 33-year-old man were charged with aggravated burglary and theft offences. The accused persons allegedly broke into a 62-year-old man's house and stole groceries.

A 17-year-old boy, a 15-year-old boy and a 35-year-old man were charged with the aggravated burglary and theft of assorted gold jewellery and \$160 cash from a 38-year-old woman's house.


In another incident, two 30-year-old man were charged with the aggravated burglary and theft of 80 kilograms of burnt copper wire and \$1764.88 from a 42-year-old man's garage.

A 24-year-old man and a 25-year-old man were charged with the aggravated burglary and theft of assorted gold jewellery worth \$16,799 from a 26-year-old man's house.

There was one incident where a 21-year-old man was charged with the aggravated robbery of assorted electronic items and jewellery from a house whilst the family was sitting outside and having grog. The other suspects in this matter are still at large as police continue their investigation.

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

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

	ODPP Serious Crime (Non- Sexual Violence Offences) June 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	1	0
Aggravated robbery	4	6	8	1	0	0
Attempted aggravated robbery	1	1	1	0	0	0
Aggravated burglary	7	13	7	1	0	0
Burglary	2	2	2	0	1	1
Theft	9	15	9	1	0	0
Assault causing actual bodily harm	3	3	3	1	1	0
Act with intent to cause grievous bodily harm	2	2	2	1	1	0
Arson	1	1	1	0	0	0
Criminal intimidation	1	1	1	1	0	0
TOTAL	32	30*	26*	4*	4	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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