



ODPP MEDIA UPDATE

ODPP Serious Crime (Non-Sexual Violence Offences) Statistics – July 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 73 people charged with a total of 82 counts of separate incidents in July. The offences were murder (6), aggravated robbery (10), aggravated burglary (18), burglary (3), theft (22), receiving stolen property (1), arson (1), assault causing actual bodily harm (3), acts with intent to cause grievous harm (7), unlawful wounding (1), unlawful cultivation (2), wrongful confinement (1), criminal intimidation (2), damaging property (2) and breach of bail conditions (3).

There were 52 victims of the 82 counts of serious offences. There were seven incidents where the accused and the victim were related to one another.

Of the 73 accused persons, seven were juveniles. The juveniles were charged with aggravated robbery, aggravated burglary and theft offences.

A 25-year-old woman was charged with the murder of her new-born son while in another incident, a 48-year-old man was charged with the murder of his 47-year-old de facto partner.

There was one incident where a 31-year-old man and a 23-year-old man were charged with the murder of a 60-year-old man. The accused persons were also charged with aggravated robbery and theft offences.

In another incident, a 49-year-old man was charged with the murder of a 21-year-old woman and an act with intent to cause grievous harm to an 18-year-old woman. The accused and the victims were from the same village.

A 22-year-old man was charged with the murder of a 38-year-old man while in another incident, a 26-year-old man was charged with the murder of a 24-year-old man.

A 44-year-old man was charged with an act with intent to cause grievous harm to his 53-year-old de facto partner and one count of damaging property, however, this matter was discontinued due to insufficient evidence.

In another incident, a 35-year-old man was charged with an act with intent to cause grievous harm to his 29-year-old wife, however, this matter was discontinued after the victim could not be located.

There was one incident where a 30-year-old man was charged with two counts of acts with intent to cause grievous harm to his 55-year-old father. The accused allegedly threw hot water and assaulted his father with a piece of timber.

In another incident, a 34-year-old man was charged with assault causing actual bodily harm to his 48-year-old uncle. The accused allegedly assaulted the victim with a rod.

A 29-year-old woman was charged with assault causing actual bodily harm to her 35-year-old brother-in-law.

There was one incident where a 62-year-old man was charged with an act with intent to cause grievous harm to a 62-year-old man from his village. The accused was also charged with one count of arson and one count of criminal intimidation.

A 26-year-old man was charged with one count of unlawful wounding. The accused allegedly struck the arm of an 80-year-old man with a golf club.


Cash and assorted items ranging from \$50 to \$13,105 were stolen during the alleged aggravated robbery, aggravated burglary and theft offences which consisted of home invasions, shop and garage burglaries, carjacking, day and night street robberies.

There was one incident where four men were charged with the unlawful cultivation of illicit drugs. The accused persons allegedly cultivated 3,081 plants of *cannabis sativa*.

In another incident, a 51-year-old man was charged the unlawful cultivation of 211 plants of *cannabis sativa*.

Six cases were withdrawn after discontinuances (*Nolle Prosequi*) were filed due to inconsistent and insufficient evidence and the inability to locate or contact the victims.

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

	ODPP Serious Crime (Non- Sexual Violence Offences) July 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	6	7	6	0	2	0
Aggravated robbery	10	16	11	1	0	0
Aggravated burglary	18	29	17	1	0	0
Burglary	3	3	2	0	0	0
Theft	22	33	22	1	0	0
Receiving stolen property	1	1	0	0	0	0
Arson	1	1	1	0	0	0
Assault causing actual bodily harm	3	3	3	0	2	0
Act with intent to cause grievous bodily harm	7	6	6	3	3	0
Unlawful wounding	1	1	1	0	0	0
Unlawful cultivation of illicit drugs	2	5	0	0	0	0
Wrongful confinement	1	3	1	0	0	0
Criminal intimidation	2	2	2	0	1	0
Damaging property	2	2	2	1	1	0
Breach of bail conditions	3	3	0	0	0	0
TOTAL	82	73*	52*	6*	7*	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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