



## ODPP MEDIA UPDATE

### ODPP Serious Crime (Non-Sexual Violence Offences) Statistics – October 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 35 people charged with a total of 42 counts of serious offences in October. The counts for serious crimes were manslaughter (1), aggravated robbery (5), aggravated burglary (11), theft (10), assault causing actual bodily harm (1), acts with intent to cause grievous harm (7), grievous harm (1), criminal intimidation (1), criminal trespass (1), attempted arson (1), child stealing (1), escape from lawful custody (1), and breach of suspended sentence (1).

There were 30 victims of the 42 counts of serious offences. There were six incidents where the accused and the victim were related to one another.

Of the 35 accused person, eight were juveniles.

There was one incident where a 45-year-old man, a 39-year-old man and a 30-year-old woman was charged with one count of manslaughter of a 39-year-old woman. The accused persons are the husband, brother-in-law and sister-in-law of the victim.

A 45-year-old man was charged with one count of assault causing actual bodily harm to his 47-year-old de facto partner.

A 23-year-old man was charged with an act with intent to cause grievous harm to his 28-year-old brother. The accused person allegedly wounded his brother with a cane knife.

In another incident, a 27-year-old man was charged with four counts of acts with intent to cause grievous harm and one count of criminal trespass. The accused person allegedly assaulted his 71-year-old grandfather, his two cousin brothers and his 53-year-old neighbour with a kitchen knife.

A 48-year-old man was charged with an act with intent to cause grievous harm for allegedly punching and hitting his wife with a hammer.

In another incident, a 36-year-old woman was charged with one count of grievous harm for allegedly wounding her 37-year-old husband.

There was one incident where a 41-year-old man was charged with an act with intent to cause grievous harm and criminally intimidating a 43-year-old woman and a 53-year-old woman. The accused person allegedly threatened to kill one victim and unlawfully wounded another victim with a cane knife.

There was one incident where a 50-year-old man was charged with the attempted arson of his 31-year-old neighbour's house.

Cash and assorted items ranging from \$15 to over \$20,500 were stolen during the alleged aggravated robbery, aggravated burglary and theft offences which consisted of home invasions, shop and minimart burglaries, carjacking, day and night street robberies.

There was one incident where two 15-year-old boys and a 16-year-old boy was charged with the aggravated robbery of a mobile phone and \$35 cash from a 14-year-old boy.

In another incident, two 16-year-old boys were charged with the aggravated burglary and theft of assorted clothes and \$15 cash from a clothing store.


A 17-year-old boy with a 20-year-old man was charged with the aggravated burglary and theft of a wrist watch from a 48-year-old man's house.

In another incident, a 16-year-old boy was charged with the aggravated burglary and theft of an iPad and a laptop from a 39-year-old man's house.

A 14-year-old boy was charged with aggravated burglary and theft, however, this matter was discontinued due to insufficient evidence.

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 October 2023* for a break-down of these statistics.

	ODPP Serious Crime (Non- Sexual Violence Offences) October 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
Manslaughter	1	3	1	0	1	0
Aggravated robbery	5	8	5	2	0	0
Aggravated burglary	11	16	12	2	0	0
Theft	10	15	11	2	0	0
Assault causing actual bodily harm	1	1	1	0	1	0
Act with intent to cause grievous harm	7	4	8	0	3	0
Grievous harm	1	1	1	0	1	0
Criminal intimidation	1	1	1	0	0	0
Criminal trespass	1	1	1	0	0	0
Attempted arson	1	1	1	0	0	0
Child stealing	1	1	1	0	0	0
Escape from lawful custody	1	1	0	0	0	0
Breach of suspended sentence	1	1	0	0	0	0
TOTAL	42	35*	30*	4*	6	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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