



ODPP MEDIA UPDATE

ODPP Serious Crime (Non-Sexual Violence Offences) Statistics – December 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 6 people charged with a total of 9 counts of serious offences in December. The counts for serious crimes were aggravated burglary (1), aggravated robbery (3), theft (2), act with intent to cause grievous harm (1), disobedience of lawful order (1) and breach of suspended sentence (1).

There were six victims of the 9 counts of serious offences.

There was one incident where the accused and the victim were related to one another.

A 40-year-old man was charged with an act with intent to cause grievous harm to his 30-year-old de facto partner. The accused person allegedly wounded the victim on the back with a pair of scissors.

There was one incident where a 20-year-old man was charged with aggravated robbery of \$55 from a 62-year-old woman. The accused person was also charged with one count of disobedience of lawful order for not keeping peace for six months as ordered by the Lautoka Magistrates' Court in one of his other matter of similar nature.


There was one street mugging incident where a 23-year-old man was charged with the aggravated robbery of a Samsung A20 mobile phone from a 31-year-old man.

In another incident, a 24-year-old man was charged with the aggravated robbery of a Samsung A20 mobile phone and \$2000 cash from a 22-year-old man. The accused person was also charged for breaching his suspended sentence of 3 years which was given to him in another matter of similar nature.

A 25-year-old man was charged with the theft of an iPhone worth \$4,500 from an 18-year-old man.

There was one incident where a 28-year-old man was charged with aggravated burglary and theft, however, this matter was discontinued due to insufficient evidence.

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

	ODPP Serious Crime (Non- Sexual Violence Offences) December 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
Aggravated burglary	1	1	1	1	0	0
Aggravated robbery	3	3	3	0	0	0
Theft	2	2	2	1	0	0
Act with intent to cause grievous harm	1	1	1	0	1	0
Disobedience of lawful order	1	1	0	0	0	0
Breach of suspended sentence	1	1	0	0	0	0
TOTAL	9	6*	6*	1*	1	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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