



ODPP MEDIA UPDATE

ODPP Serious Crime (Non-Sexual Violence Offences) Statistics – January 2024

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 23 people charged with a total of 33 counts of serious offences in January. The counts for serious crimes were attempted murder (1), robbery (1), aggravated robbery (4), burglary (2), aggravated burglary (8), theft (10), assault causing actual bodily harm (2), grievous harm (1), act with intent to cause grievous harm (1), and breach of suspended sentences (3).

Of the 23 accused persons, three were juveniles and one was a police officer.

There were 20 victims of 33 counts of serious offences.

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

A 15-year-old boy was charged alongside a 28-year-old man with one count of aggravated burglary and one count of theft. The accused persons allegedly broke into the home of a 60-year-old man and stole cash and assorted items.

In another incident, a 15-year-old boy and a 17 year old boy were charged with one count of aggravated burglary and one count of theft. The accused persons allegedly broke into the home of a 60-year-old man and stole *masi* and mats.

A 33-year-old police officer was charged with assault causing actual bodily harm to his 31-year-old wife.

A 47-year-old man was charged with the attempted murder of a 48-year-old woman, however, this matter was discontinued due to insufficient evidence.


A 36-year-old man was charged with assault causing actual bodily harm to his 31-year-old wife while in another incident, a 26-year-old man was charged with causing grievous harm to his 25-year-old wife.

There was one incident where a 47-year-old woman was charged with an act with intent to cause grievous harm to a 47-year-old man. The accused person allegedly assaulted the victim with a broom.

Cash and assorted items were stolen during the alleged aggravated robbery and aggravated burglary offences which consisted of house and shop break-ins, and day and night street muggings.

There was one incident where two 26-year-old women were charged with the aggravated robbery of \$200 from a 62-year-old man. The accused persons allegedly confronted the man in a men's public toilet and used force whilst committing the offence.

Refer to the table entitled *ODPP Serious Crime (Non-Sexual Violence Offences) Statistics January 2024* for a break-down of these statistics.

	ODPP Serious Crime (Non- Sexual Violence Offences) January 2024					
	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
Attempted murder	1	1	1	1	0	0
Robbery	1	1	1	0	0	0
Aggravated robbery	4	5	5	0	0	0
Burglary	2	1	2	0	0	0
Aggravated burglary	8	11	7	0	0	0
Theft	10	12	9	0	0	0
Assault causing actual bodily harm	2	2	2	0	2	1
Grievous harm	1	1	1	0	1	0
Act with intent to cause grievous harm	1	1	1	0	0	0
Breach of suspended sentence	3	2	0	0	0	0
TOTAL	33	23*	20*	1	3	1
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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