



ODPP MEDIA UPDATE

ODPP Serious Crime (Non-Sexual Violence Offences) Statistics – June 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 29 people charged with a total of 38 counts of non-sexual violence offences in June. The counts for non-sexual violence offences consist of murder (3), aggravated robbery (5), robbery (1), aggravated burglary (5), theft (7), receiving (2), arson (1), assault causing actual bodily harm (2), act with intent to cause grievous harm (4), unlawful wounding (1), serious assault (1), common assault (1), criminal intimidation (1), unlawful cultivation of illicit drugs (3), and escape from lawful custody (1).

There were 25 victims of the 38 counts of non-sexual violence offences.

There were two incidents where the accused and the victim were related to one another.

A 29-year-old man was charged with the murder of his 25-year-old wife. The accused person allegedly stabbed the victim on her neck with a kitchen knife which resulted in her death.

A 32-year-old man was charged with the murder of a 28-year-old man while in another incident, a 45-year-old man was charged with the murder of a 38-year-old man and assault causing actual bodily harm to a 50-year-old man.

There was one incident where a 22-year-old man was charged with arson. The accused allegedly set fire to his 31-year-old cousin house. He was also charged with an act with intent to cause grievous harm to his 29-year-old girlfriend.

A 30-year-old man was charged with an act with intent to cause grievous harm to a 55-year-old man.

A 33-year-old man was charged with an assault causing actual bodily harm and aggravated robbery. The accused person allegedly assaulted a 26-year-old man and robbed his backpack, mobile phone and wallet.

There was one incident where a 29-year-old man was charged with the unlawful wounding of his 27-year-old girlfriend. The accused person was also charged with criminal intimidation for allegedly threatening to kill her.


Cash and assorted items were stolen during the alleged aggravated robbery, aggravated burglary and theft offences which consisted of house and shop break-ins as well as post office and school burglaries, and day and night street muggings.

A 43-year-old man was charged with the unlawful cultivation of illicit drugs. The accused person allegedly cultivated 11, 000 plants of *cannabis sativa*.

There were two separate incidents where the accused persons were charged with the unlawful cultivation of illicit drugs. The accused persons allegedly cultivated 393 and 143 plants of *cannabis sativa*.

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

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

	ODPP Serious Crime (Non- Sexual Violence Offences) June 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
Murder	3	3	3	0	1	0
Aggravated robbery	5	5	7	2	0	0
Robbery	1	1	1	1	0	0
Aggravated burglary	5	10	4	1	0	0
Theft	7	11	5	1	0	0
Receiving stolen property	2	2	2	0	0	0
Arson	1	1	1	0	1	0
Assault causing actual bodily harm	2	2	2	0	1	0
Act with an intent to cause grievous harm	4	3	4	1	1	0
Serious assault	1	1	1	0	0	0
Common assault	1	1	1	0	0	0
Unlawful wounding	1	1	1	0	0	0
Criminal intimidation	1	1	1	0	0	0
Unlawful cultivation of illicit drugs	3	3	0	0	0	0
Escape from lawful custody	1	1	0	0	0	0
TOTAL	38	29*	25*	4*	2*	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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