



ODPP MEDIA UPDATE

ODPP Serious Crime (Non-Sexual Violence Offences) Statistics – December 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 17 people charged with a total of 16 counts of non-sexual violence offences in December. The counts for non-sexual violence offences consist of murder (2), aggravated robbery (3), aggravated burglary (1), burglary (1), theft (2), assault causing actual bodily harm (2), act with intent to cause grievous harm (4), and careless driving (1).

Of the 17 accused persons, one was a police officer.

There were 12 victims of the 16 counts of non-sexual violence offences.

A 31-year-old police officer was charged with one count of careless driving.

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

A 25-year-old man was charged with the murder of his 27-year-old uncle while in another incident, a 40-year-old man was charged with the murder of his 70-year-old uncle.

A 49-year-old man was charged with the assault causing actual bodily harm to his 76-year-old mother, however, this matter was discontinued after the death of the accused person.

In another incident, a 30-year-old man was charged with the assault causing actual bodily harm to a 52-year-old woman. The accused person allegedly hit the victim's head with a piece of timber.

A 25-year-old man was charged with an act with intent to cause grievous harm to a 32-year-old man. The accused person allegedly unlawfully wounded the victim by punching and striking his chest with a hammer.

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

Two cases were withdrawn after discontinuances (*Nolle Prosequi*) were filed due to insufficient evidence.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 December 2024* for a break-down of these statistics.

	ODPP Serious Crime (Non- Sexual Violence Offences) December 2024					
	Total No. of Counts	Total No. of accused persons	Total No. of victims	Incidents involving domestic relations	No. of Nolle Prosequi filed	No. of Police officers charged
Murder	2	2	2	2	0	0
Aggravated robbery	3	5	3	0	0	0
Aggravated burglary	1	2	1	0	0	0
Burglary	1	1	1	0	1	0
Theft	2	2	2	0	0	0
Assault causing actual bodily harm	2	2	2	1	1	0
Act with intent to cause grievous harm	4	5	4	0	0	0
Careless Driving	1	1	0	0	0	1
TOTAL	16	17*	12*	3	2	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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