



ODPP MEDIAUPDATE

ODPP Serious Crime (Non-Sexual Violence Offences) Statistics – February 2025

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.

Cases

There were 16 indictments (Information) filed in the High Court with a total of 24 counts of serious offences in February. The counts for serious offences were manslaughter (1), aggravated robbery (3), burglary (2), aggravated burglary (5), theft (7), arson (1), act with intent to cause grievous harm (1), grievous harm (1), failure to give fingerprint to a public officer (1), giving false information to a public officer (1), and unlawful possession of illicit drugs (1).

Accused and Victims

There were 21 people charged with a total of 24 counts of serious offences. Of the 21 accused persons, five were juveniles.

There were 15 victims of the 24 counts of serious offences.

Incidents

There was one incident where a 38-year-old man was charged with the manslaughter of a 30-year-old man. The accused person allegedly punched and kicked the victim causing him severe injuries which later resulted in his death.

An 18-year-old man was charged with an act with intent to cause grievous harm to a 33-year-old man. The accused person allegedly unlawfully wounded the victim with an iron rod.

In another incident, a 43-year-old man was charged with the grievous harm of a 50-year-old man.

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

There was one incident where a 26-year-old man was charged with the aggravated robbery and false information to a public officer. The accused person allegedly robbed \$8000 from a 69-year-old man and gave false name to the police officer.

In another incident, a 32-year-old man was charged with burglary, theft and failure to give fingerprint to a public officer, however, this matter was discontinued due to insufficient evidence.

Juveniles

There was one incident where two 17-year-old boys were charged with aggravated burglary and theft. The juveniles allegedly broke into a school and stole various stationaries, brush cutter and extension cords.

In another incident, a 17-year-old boy alongside an 18-year-old and a 22-year-old man were charged with the aggravated robbery. The accused persons allegedly stole a mobile phone and \$373 cash from a 38-year-old man.

A 17-year-old boy was charged with aggravated burglary and theft however, this matter was discontinued due to insufficient evidence.

A 14-year-old boy was charged with the unlawful possession of illicit drugs. The juvenile was found in possession of 6.8 grams of *cannabis sativa*.

Nolle Prosequi

Three 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 February 2025* for a break-down of these statistics.

**ODPP Serious Crime (Non- Sexual Violence Offences) February 2025**

	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
Manslaughter	1	1	1	0	0	0
Aggravated robbery	3	6	3	0	0	0
Burglary	2	2	2	0	1	0
Aggravated burglary	5	7	7	0	1	0
Theft	7	8	7	0	2	0
Arson	1	1	1	0	1	0
Act with intent to cause grievous harm	1	1	1	0	0	0
Grievous harm	1	1	1	0	0	0
Failure to give fingerprint to a public Officer	1	1	1	0	1	0
Giving false information to a public officer	1	1	1	0	0	0
Unlawful possession of illicit drugs	1	1	0	0	0	0
TOTAL	24	21*	15*	0	3*	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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