



ODPP MEDIAUPDATE

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

There were 13 people charged with a total of 21 counts of serious offences in January. The counts for serious crimes were murder (1), attempted murder (2), aggravated robbery (10), attempted aggravated burglary (1), aggravated burglary (2), theft (2), assault causing actual bodily harm (1), unlawful possession of illicit drugs (1) and bribery of public official (1).

Of the 13 accused persons, three were juveniles.

There were 10 victims of 21 counts of serious offences.

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

A 35-year-old man was charged with the murder of his toddler. The accused person allegedly threw his child against the wall which resulted in his death. The accused person was also charged with an assault causing actual bodily harm to his 27-year-old de facto partner.

A 43-year-old man was charged with the attempted murder of his 68-year-old father. The accused person allegedly struck his father with a cane knife.

In another incident, a 38-year-old man was charged with the attempted murder of his 30-year-old wife. The accused person allegedly struck his wife with a kitchen knife during an altercation.

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 a 16-year-old boy and a 15-year-old boy were charged with the aggravated burglary and theft of alcohol and assorted items from a supermarket, however, this matter was discontinued due to insufficient evidence.

In another incident, a 17-year-old boy was charged with the aggravated robbery of \$300 cash from a 56-year-old man.

There was one incident where a 30-year-old man was charged with one count of unlawful possession of illicit drugs and one count of bribery of a public official. The accused person was found in possession of 1.42 kilograms of methamphetamine and offered \$3000 cash bribe to a police constable to influence him from doing his duties.

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 January 2025* for a break-down of these statistics.



ODPP Serious Crime (Non- Sexual Violence Offences) January 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
Murder	1	1	1	1	0	0
Attempted murder	2	2	2	2	0	0
Aggravated robbery	10	4	3	0	1	0
Attempted aggravated burglary	1	1	1	0	0	0
Aggravated burglary	2	4	3	0	1	0
Theft	2	4	3	0	1	0
Assault causing actual bodily harm	1	1	1	1	0	0
Unlawful possession of illicit drugs	1	1	0	0	0	0
Briber of a public official	1	1	1	0	0	0
TOTAL	21	13*	10*	3*	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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