



ODPP MEDIA UPDATE

ODPP Serious Crime (Non-Sexual Violence Offences) Statistics – November 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 21 people charged with a total of 27 counts of non-sexual violence offences in November. The counts for non-sexual violence offences consist of murder (1), aggravated robbery (6), aggravated burglary (4), burglary (2), theft (6), assault causing actual bodily harm (2), act with intent to cause grievous harm (2), common assault (1), serious assault (1), damaging property (1) and breach of suspended sentence (1).

There were 13 victims of the 27 counts of non-sexual violence offences.

Of the 21 accused persons, two were juveniles.

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

A 24-year-old man and a 16-year-old boy were charged with the murder of a 33-year-old taxi driver. The accused persons were also charged with the aggravated robbery where there allegedly robbed the victim of assorted items and in the process punched and strangled him which resulted in his death.

A 40-year-old man was charged with the assault causing actual bodily harm to his 38-year-old wife, while in another incident, a 38-year-old man was charged with the assault causing actual bodily harm to a 41-year-old woman.

There was one incident where a 49-year-old man was charged with an act with intent to cause grievous harm. The accused person allegedly stabbed the victim on the back with a scissors after an altercation.

In another incident, a 41-year-old man was charged with an act with intent to cause grievous harm. The accused person allegedly assaulted a 41-year-old with the intent to cause him grievous harm, however, this matter was discontinued after the victim could not be contacted or located.

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

There was one incident where a 17-year-old boy alongside a 19-year-old man were charged with

burglary and theft.

There was one incident where a 34-year-old man and 29-year-old man were charged with aggravated burglary for allegedly breaking into Tilak High School in Lautoka. The accused persons were also charged with damaging property, common assault and serious assault. They allegedly broke into the school and destroyed computer screens, filing cabinets and school furniture.

In another incident, two 19-year-old men were charged with aggravated burglary and theft. The accused persons allegedly broke into Kids First Kindergarten in Suva and stole school stamp, apartment stamp, school furniture and a sound system speaker.

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

	ODPP Serious Crime (Non- Sexual Violence Offences) November 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	1	2	1	0	0	0
Aggravated robbery	6	8	5	0	0	0
Aggravated burglary	4	7	4	0	0	0
Burglary	2	2	1	0	0	0
Theft	6	8	4	0	0	0
Assault causing actual bodily harm	2	2	2	0	0	0
Act with intent to cause grievous harm	2	2	2	0	1	0
Common assault	1	2	1	0	0	0
Serious assault	1	1	1	0	0	0
Damaging property	1	2	1	0	0	0
Breach of suspended sentence	1	1	1	0	0	0
TOTAL	27	21*	13*	1	1	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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