



ODPP MEDIA UPDATE

ODPP Serious Crime (Non-Sexual Violence Offences) Statistics – October 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 19 people charged with a total of 22 counts of non-sexual violence offences in October. The counts for non-sexual violence offences consist of murder (2), attempted murder (1), aggravated robbery (4), aggravated burglary (3), burglary (1), theft (4), arson (1), attempt to commit arson (1), reckless or negligent act (1), act with intent to cause grievous harm (1), careless driving (1), and breach of bail (2).

There were 15 victims of the 22 counts of non-sexual violence offences.

Of the 19 accused persons, one was a juvenile and one was a police officer.

A 26-year-old police officer was charged with one count of careless driving.

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

A 31-year-old man was charged with the murder of his 28-year-old de facto partner. The accused person allegedly assaulted and strangled the victim which resulted in her death.

There was one incident where a 41-year-old man and a 25-year-old man were charged with the murder of a 29-year-old man, however, this matter was discontinued due to insufficient evidence.

A 36-year-old man was charged with the attempted murder of his 39-year-old brother.

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 was charged with burglary, theft and breach of bail.

A 33-year-old man was charged with arson. The accused person allegedly set fire to the commercial plantation of Fiji Pine Ltd containing 58,794 pine trees.

In another incident, a 29-year-old man was charged with the attempt to commit arson. It is alleged that the accused person set fire to a suitcase under a 69-year-old woman's house whilst knowing that the house can likely catch fire.

A 22-year-old man was charged with the reckless or negligent act. It is alleged that the accused person in a reckless manner omitted to take precautions against any probable danger and lit fire in front of a kava shop.

Five cases were withdrawn after discontinuances (*Nolle Prosequi*) was filed due to insufficient evidence.

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

	ODPP Serious Crime (Non- Sexual Violence Offences) October 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	3	2	1	1	0
Attempted murder	1	1	1	1	0	0
Aggravated robbery	4	3	4	0	2	0
Aggravated burglary	3	4	3	0	1	0
Burglary	1	1	1	0	0	0
Theft	4	5	3	0	1	0
Arson	1	1	1	0	0	0
Attempt to commit arson	1	1	1	0	0	0
Reckless or negligent act	1	1	1	0	0	0
Act with intent to cause grievous harm	1	1	1	0	0	0
Careless driving	1	1	1	0	0	1
Breach of bail conditions	2	2	0	0	0	0
TOTAL	22	19*	15*	2	5	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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