



ODPP MEDIA UPDATE

ODPP Serious Crime (Non-Sexual Violence Offences) Statistics – September 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 38 people charged with a total of 42 counts of non-sexual violence offences in September. The counts for non-sexual violence offences consist of murder (1), manslaughter arising from breach of duty (1), aggravated robbery (5), aggravated burglary (9), burglary (2), theft (10), receiving stolen properties (3), act with intent to cause grievous harm (1), grievous harm (1), unlawful cultivation of illicit drugs (4), unlawful possession of illicit drugs (3), breach of bail conditions (1) and breach of suspended sentence (1).

There were 22 victims of the 42 counts of non-sexual violence offences.

Of the 38 accused persons, five were juveniles.

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

A 25-year-old man was charged with the murder of his 59-year-old grandmother. The accused person allegedly struck the victim with a cane knife which resulted in her death.

In another incident, a 26-year-old man and a 24-year-old woman were charged with manslaughter arising from breach of duty. The accused persons are charged for neglecting to take their 1-year 6-month-old sick daughter to a medical facility which resulted in her death.

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 16-year-old boy with a 19-year-old man were charged with aggravated burglary and theft. The accused persons allegedly broke into a 76-year-old woman's house and stole a television set, housing appliances, FJD \$500 and AUD \$250.

In another incident, three 17-year-old boys were charged with aggravated burglary, theft and receiving stolen properties. The juveniles allegedly broke into a school premise and stole five laptops and one sound system speaker.

An 18-year-old man and a 17-year-old boy were charged with aggravated burglary and theft. The accused persons allegedly broke into a 46-year-old man's house and stole a laptop, a chainsaw and

a mobile phone.

There was one incident where a 67-year-old man was charged with one count of unlawful cultivation of illicit drugs and one count of unlawful possession of illicit drugs. The accused person allegedly cultivated 370 plants of *cannabis sativa* and was found in possession of 6,268.6 grams of *cannabis sativa*.

A 35-year-old man was charged with the unlawful cultivation of 483 plants of *cannabis sativa* while in another incident, a 38-year-old man was charged with the unlawful cultivation of 58 plants of *cannabis sativa* and unlawful possession of 22,540.9 grams of *cannabis sativa*.

In another incident, a 21-year-old man, a 45-year-old man and a 47-year-old man were charged with unlawful cultivation of 720 plants of *cannabis sativa*.

One case was withdrawn after a discontinuance (*Nolle Prosequi*) was filed due to insufficient evidence.

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

	ODPP Serious Crime (Non- Sexual Violence Offences) September 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	1	1	1	0	0
Manslaughter arising from breach of duty	1	2	1	1	0	
Aggravated robbery	5	8	6	0	1	0
Aggravated burglary	9	14	10	0	0	0
Burglary	2	3	2	0	0	0
Theft	10	16	11	0	0	0
Receiving stolen properties	3	3	3	0	0	0
Act with an intent to cause grievous harm	1	1	1	0	0	0
Grievous harm	1	1	1	0	0	0
Unlawful cultivation of illicit drugs	4	6	0	0	0	0
Unlawful possession of illicit drugs	3	3	0	0	0	0
Breach of suspended sentence	1	1	0	0	0	0
Breach of bail conditions	1	1	0	0	0	0
TOTAL	42	38*	22*	2	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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