

## ODPP MEDIA UPDATE

### **ODPP Serious Crime (Non-Sexual Violence Offences) Statistics – March 2026**

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 21 indictments (Information) filed in the High Court with a total of 35 counts of non-sexual offences in March 2026.

#### **Counts of offences**

The counts for non-sexual offences were murder (1), manslaughter (1), aggravated robbery (2), aggravated burglary (2), burglary (1), theft (3), acts with intent to cause grievous harm (4), assault causing actual bodily harm (1), unlawful wounding (1), serious assault (1), causing harm by posting electronic communication (3), indecently insulting or annoying persons (2), unlawful possession of illicit drugs (3), unlawful importation of illicit drugs (4), unlawful exportation of illicit drugs (1), conspiracy to commit unlawful possession of illicit drugs (2), possession of properties suspected to be proceeds of crime (2), dangerous driving causing death (1), and failure to comply with requirements after causing an accident (1).

#### **Accused and Victims**

There were 40 people charged with a total of 35 counts of non-sexual offences. Of the 40 people charged, three were juveniles and five police officers.

There were 17 victims of the 33 counts of non-sexual offences.

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

#### **Murder**

A 39-year-old man was charged with the murder of his 35-year-old de facto partner. It is alleged that the accused murdered his de facto partner inside his vehicle and took the deceased to the police station to report the matter.

#### **Manslaughter**

There was one incident where a 54-year-old man and a 50-year-old man were charged with one count of manslaughter of a 37-year-old man. It is alleged that the accused persons punched and kicked the victim multiple times which later resulted in his death.

## **Drugs**

Two police officers and two civilians were charged with one count of unlawful possession and one count of unlawful importation of 4.7 kilograms of methamphetamine.

In another case, two police officers, one Nigerian national and four others are charged with two counts of unlawful importation of over 3 kilograms of methamphetamine.

There was one incident where five individuals were charged with conspiracy to unlawfully possess 2,644.5 kilograms of cocaine, with two also facing charges for properties suspected to be proceeds of crime.

In another incident, charges have been reinstated against an individual for the unlawful possession and unlawful exportation of 39.36 kilograms of cocaine. This case was previously discontinued due to insufficient evidence.

A man previously charged with unlawful possession of illicit drugs and serious assault in relation to Vatia drug case was later granted immunity, and the charges against him were dropped.

## **Assault**

A 33-year-old man was charged with an act with intent to cause grievous bodily harm to his 42-year-old de facto partner. It is alleged that the accused person struck his partner with a rod following an altercation.

In another incident, a police officer with another was charged with an act with intent to cause grievous bodily harm to a 32-year-old man outside a nightclub.

There was one incident where a 17-year-old boy was charged with an act with intent to cause grievous bodily harm to a 21-year-old man from his village. It is alleged that the accused assaulted the victim and struck him with a kitchen knife over a pair of canvas shoes.

In another incident, a 21-year-old man was charged with one count of unlawful wounding. It is alleged that the accused allegedly punched a 33-year-old man following an altercation.

## **Other offences**

There were two people who were charged with causing harm by posting electronic communications in separate cases. It is alleged that the accused persons posted harmful and derogatory comments about another person on their social media account.

Cash and assorted items were stolen during the alleged aggravated robbery incidents consisting of day and night street muggings.

A 16-year-old boy and a 17-year-old boy were charged with one count of aggravated robbery. It is alleged that the accused persons robbed a 19-year-old man of his mobile phone and \$400 cash.

Four cases were discontinued after *Nolle Prosequi* were filed due to insufficient evidence.

Refer to the table entitled *ODPP Serious Crime (Non-Sexual Violence Offences) Statistics March 2026* for a break-down of these statistics.



## ODPP Serious Crime (Non- Sexual Violence Offences) March 2026

|                                                           | 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                                              | 1                   | 2                            | 1                    | 0                                      | 0                           | 0                              |
| Aggravated robbery                                        | 2                   | 3                            | 2                    | 0                                      | 1                           | 0                              |
| Aggravated burglary                                       | 2                   | 4                            | 2                    | 0                                      | 1                           | 0                              |
| Burglary                                                  | 1                   | 1                            | 1                    | 0                                      | 0                           | 0                              |
| Theft                                                     | 3                   | 5                            | 3                    | 0                                      | 1                           | 0                              |
| Act with intent to cause grievous harm                    | 4                   | 5                            | 4                    | 1                                      | 0                           | 1                              |
| Assault causing actual bodily harm                        | 1                   | 1                            | 1                    | 0                                      | 0                           | 0                              |
| Unlawful wounding                                         | 1                   | 1                            | 1                    | 0                                      | 0                           | 0                              |
| Serious assault                                           | 1                   | 1                            | 1                    | 0                                      | 1                           | 0                              |
| Causing harm by posting electronic communications         | 2                   | 3                            | 2                    | 0                                      | 0                           | 0                              |
| Indecently annoying or insulting persons                  | 2                   | 1                            | 1                    | 0                                      | 0                           | 0                              |
| Unlawful possession of illicit drugs                      | 3                   | 6                            | 0                    | 0                                      | 1                           | 2                              |
| Unlawful importation of illicit drugs                     | 4                   | 9                            | 0                    | 0                                      | 0                           | 4                              |
| Unlawful exportation of illicit drugs                     | 1                   | 1                            | 0                    | 0                                      | 0                           | 0                              |
| Conspiracy to commit unlawful possession of illicit drugs | 1                   | 5                            | 0                    | 0                                      | 0                           | 0                              |
| Possession of property suspected to be proceeds of crime  | 2                   | 2                            | 0                    | 0                                      | 0                           | 0                              |
| Dangerous driving causing death                           | 1                   | 1                            | 1                    | 0                                      | 1                           | 0                              |
| Failure to comply with requirements after an accident     | 1                   | 1                            | 1                    | 0                                      | 1                           | 0                              |
| <b>Total</b>                                              | <b>35</b>           | <b>40*</b>                   | <b>17*</b>           | <b>2</b>                               | <b>4*</b>                   | <b>5*</b>                      |

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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