

ODPP MEDIA UPDATE

ODPP Serious Crime (Non-Sexual Violence Offences) Statistics – April 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 16 indictments (Information) filed in the High Court with a total of 36 counts of non-sexual offences in April 2026.

Counts of offences

The counts for non-sexual offences were manslaughter (1), attempted murder (2), aggravated robbery (3), aggravated burglary (1), theft (3), assault causing actual bodily harm (4), acts with intent to cause grievous harm (5), unlawful wounding (1), serious assault (1), criminal intimidation (2), sacrilege (1), escape from lawful custody (1), arson (1), attempt to commit arson (1), kidnapping (2), conspiracy to commit unlawful possession of illicit drugs (1), damaging property (1), breach of bail (3), breach of suspended sentence (1) and breach of DVRO (1).

Accused and Victims

There were 27 people charged with a total of 36 counts of non-sexual offences.

There were 21 victims of the 36 counts of non-sexual offences.

Domestic

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

A 52-year-old man was charged with one count of manslaughter. It is alleged that in 2024, the accused assaulted his five-year-old niece which resulted in her death.

A 32-year-old man was charged with two counts of acts with intent to cause grievous bodily harm. It is alleged that the accused assaulted his de facto partner with firewood and poured boiling water on her body.

In another incident, a 45-year-old man was charged with an act with intent to cause grievous bodily harm and one count of criminal intimidation. It is alleged that the accused assaulted and threatened to kill his 39-year-old wife.

There was one incident where a 29-year-old man was charged with an attempt to commit arson and assault causing actual bodily harm. It is alleged that the accused attempted to set fire to his father's house. The accused was also charged with one count of breach of DVRO.

Attempted Murder

There was one incident where four individuals were charged with the attempted murder of a 61-year-old man. The accused persons were also charged with damaging property, assault causing actual bodily harm, and the kidnapping of a 20-year-old woman and the 61-year-old man. **(The accused persons were initially charged with acts intended to cause grievous bodily harm; however, following a review of the evidence, the charge was upgraded to attempted murder).**

In another incident, two men were charged with the attempted murder of a 30-year-old man. The charge against one of the accused persons was discontinued by way of a *Nolle Prosequi* due to insufficient evidence.

Assault

A 39-year-old man was charged with an act with intent to cause grievous bodily harm to a 21-year-old man. It is alleged that the accused person struck the victim with a piece of timber following an altercation.

In another incident, an 18-year-old man was charged with an act with intent to cause grievous bodily harm to his girlfriend's ex-husband. It is alleged that the victim was attempting to intervene in an argument between the accused and his ex-wife when the accused punched him and struck him with a piece of timber.

A 19-year-old man was charged with an act with intent to cause grievous bodily harm to a 22-year-old man from his village. It is alleged that the accused was carrying a bottle of benzene, which he ignited, causing flames to spread to the victim's body and resulting in burns.

In another incident, a 38-year-old man was charged with one count of unlawful wounding of a 48-year-old man. It is alleged that the accused person confronted his sister's ex-partner and struck him with a cane knife.

Drugs

Two men previously charged with conspiracy to commit unlawful possession of illicit drugs in relation to Vatia drug case was discontinued by way of a *Nolle Prosequi* after they were earlier granted immunity.

Other offences

Cash and assorted items were stolen during the alleged aggravated robbery and burglary incidents consisting of house break-in and daylight robberies.

There was one incident where a 28-year-old and 31-year-old man were charged with one count of aggravated robbery. It is alleged that the accused boarded a taxi driven by a 67-year-old woman and, during the journey to the city, robbed her of \$130 in cash.

There was one incident where a 31-year-old man was charged with one count of criminal intimidation, breach of bail and breach of suspended sentence. The accused was also charged with one count of rape. **(NB: The offence of rape was recorded and published separately).**

There was one incident where a 49-year-old man was charged with one count of sacrilege. It is alleged that the accused broke into a temple and broke prayer idols.

A 30-year-old man was charged with one count of arson for allegedly setting fire to a village hall.

Three cases were discontinued after *Nolle Prosequi* were filed due to insufficient evidence and immunity offers.

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



ODPP Serious Crime (Non- Sexual Violence Offences) April 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
Attempted Murder	2	5	3	0	0	0
Manslaughter	1	1	1	1	0	0
Aggravated robbery	3	3	3	0	0	0
Aggravated burglary	1	2	1	0	0	0
Theft	3	3	4	0	0	0
Assault causing actual bodily harm	4	7	5	1	1	0
Act with intent to cause grievous harm	5	4	4	1	0	0
Unlawful wounding	1	1	1	0	0	0
Serious assault	1	1	1	0	1	0
Criminal intimidation	2	2	2	1	0	0
Sacrilege	1	1	1	0	0	0
Escape from lawful custody	1	1	0	0	1	0
Arson	1	1	1	0	0	0
Attempt to commit arson	1	1	1	1	0	0
Kidnapping	2	4	2	0	0	0
Conspiracy to commit unlawful possession of illicit drugs	1	2	0	0	1	0
Damaging property	1	4	2	0	0	0
Breach of bail	3	1	0	0	0	0
Breach of suspended sentence	1	1	0	0	0	0
Breach of DVRO	1	1	0	0	0	0
Total	36	27*	21*	4*	3*	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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