

Tuesday 07th February, 2012. **Crimes registered under the Criminal Offences Act during the period 30/01 - 05/02/2012 continued to decrease to 42 compared to 51 the previous week. This is the third consecutive week that criminal offences decreased.**

Central Police Station (Police District - Nuku'alofa) recorded 22 crimes followed by 06 at Nukunuku, 04 each at Mu'a and Vaini, 03 - Leimātu'a, 02 - Neiafu Vava'u and 01 - 'Eua.

Theft was the most reported crime with 17 offences followed by 09 - housebreaks, 07 - assaults, 04 - bodily harm, 02 - unlawful being on enclosed premises at night, 01 each - bigamy, maiming cattle and fraudulent conversion of property.

Total of 24 offences registered under other acts besides criminal offences Act, compared to 23 offences recorded in the previous week. Most offences registered were under Order in Public Places Act.

Total of 314 offences were registered under the Traffic Act and regulations compared to 235 offences reported the previous week.

Police is concerned with the ages of young offenders committing crimes. The previous week Police at Nukunuku Station charged two (02) brothers aged 16 and 13 years residing at Kahoua, with three (03) housebreakings and theft at Kahoua area. The offenders appeared at the Nukunuku Magistrates Court last week and hearing adjourned to this Thursday 09 February 2012.

Over last weekend Police at Nukunuku also charged an eighteen (18years) old male person from Ha'atafu with housebreak at a store in Ha'atafu. The offender is scheduled to appear at the Nukunuku Magistrates Court Thursday 09 February 2012.

Meantime, an 18 years old male offender from Falaleu, Vava'u was sentenced by the Vava'u Magistrates Court to 01 year imprisonment for 03 housebreakings and theft at offices of one of the overseas volunteer organizations located at Fungamisi, Vava'u.

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