



ODPP MEDIA UPDATE

ODPP Rape and Sexual Offences Statistics – December 2015

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 sexual offences only.

There were 13 people charged with a total of 20 separate incidents of serious sexual offences in December. The offences consisted of rape (16), attempted rape (1), and sexual assault (3).

There were 12 victims of 20 separate incidents. Of the 20, seven were under the age of 18 years.

Of these 7, two were between the ages of 3 and 10, while five were between the ages of 11 and 17.

There were 7 rape victims under the age of 18 years. Of these seven, one was also victim of attempted rape and sexual assault.

Four cases were discontinued before the courts after discontinuances (*Nolle Prosequi*) were filed for four rape matters.

There was one serious sexual offence that involved a couple in a domestic relationship and two serious sexual offences that involved stepfathers where one of the victims was a special needs child.

There was one serious sexual offence that involved a priest where the victim was a seven year old girl.

Refer to the graph and table entitled *ODPP Rape and Sexual Offences Statistics December 2015* for a break-down of these statistics.



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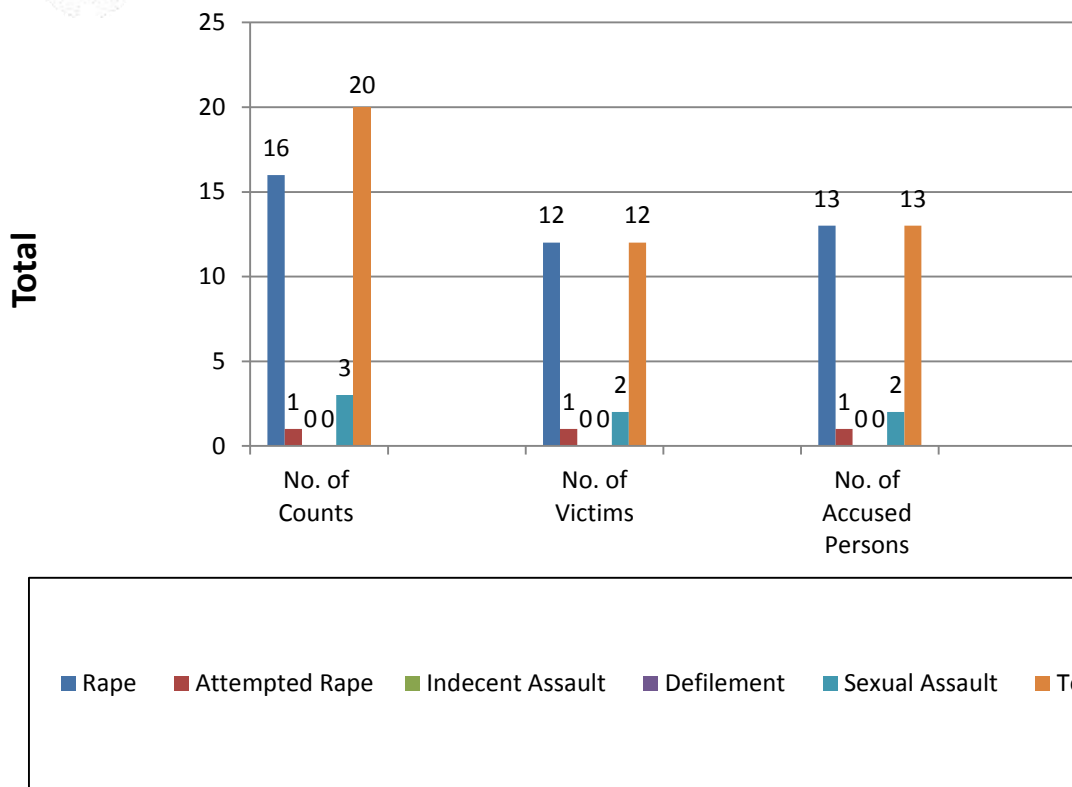
	Rape	Attempted Rape	Indecent Assault	Defilement	Sexual Assault	Total
No. of Counts	16	1	0	0	3	20
Total No. of Victims	12	1	0	0	2	12*
No. of Victims under 18 years	7	1	0	0	1	7*
Total No. of Accused Persons	13	1	0	0	3	13*
No. of Accused Persons under 18 years	0	0	0	0	0	0
No. of <i>Nolle Prosequi</i> filed	4	0	0	0	0	4
No. of counts involving people in domestic relationships or relatives	3	0	0	0	0	3
No. of False Complaints	0	0	0	0	0	0

***Refers to individual persons**

Source: ODPP Fiji



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****Please note that there were 12 individual persons who were victims of rape as well as other serious sexual offences and there were 13 individual persons charged with rape together with other serious sexual offences.***

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