



ODPP MEDIA UPDATE

ODPP Rape and Sexual Offences Statistics – February 2016

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 17 people charged with a total of 38 separate incidents in February. The offences were rape (24), attempted rape (1), indecent assault (1), sexual assault (11) and one incident of pornographic activities involving a juvenile.

There were 20 victims of the 38 separate incidents. There were 12 victims under the age of 18 years. Of the 12, there were 8 rape victims under the age of 18 of which two victims were also sexually assaulted and one was also a victim of pornographic activity.

There was one serious sexual offence that involved a 15 year old juvenile and a 3 year old victim.

There were 7 serious sexual offences that occurred in domestic settings.

There were three serious sexual offences that involved religious leaders.

One case was discontinued before the courts after a discontinuance (*Nolle Prosequi*) was filed for one rape matter as a result of a false complaint.

Refer to the table entitled *ODPP Rape and Sexual Offences Statistics February 2016* for a break-down of these statistics.



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	Rape	Attempted Rape	Indecent Assault	Pornographic activity	Sexual Assault	Total
No. of Counts	24	1	1	1	11	38
Total No. of Victims	15	1	1	1	7	20*
No. of Victims under 18 years	8	1	1	1	6	12
Total No. of Accused Persons	14	1	1	1	6	17*
No. of Accused Persons under 18 years	1	0	0	0	0	1
No. of <i>Nolle Prosequi</i> filed	1	0	0	0	0	1
No. of counts involving people in domestic relationships or relatives	6	0	0	0	2	7
No. of False Complaints	1	0	0	0	0	1

Source: ODPP Fiji

***Please note that a number of rape victims were also victims of other serious sexual offences. Similarly, a number of accused persons were also charged with more than one offence.**

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