



ODPP MEDIA UPDATE

ODPP Rape and Sexual Offences Statistics – April 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 29 people charged with a total of 57 separate incidents in April. The offences were rape (41), attempted rape (2), defilement (1) and sexual assault (13).

One person under the age of 18 years was charged with two serious sexual offences.

There were 26 victims of the 57 separate incidents. There were a total of 15 victims under the age of 18 years. Of the 15, there were 11 rape victims under the age of 18 years and five sexually assaulted victims who were also under 18 years.

There were 14 sexual offences that occurred in domestic settings.

There was one serious sexual offence that involved a 6 months old baby and the accused person was the biological father.

A date rape drug was also used in one of the serious sexual offences.

Additionally, there were four counts of assault with intent to commit rape; 10 counts of abduction with the intent to commit rape and one count of murder as part of the act of rape. (***NB: these statistics are not included in the statistics table***).

Two cases were discontinued before the courts after discontinuances (*Nolle Prosequi*) were filed.

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



ODPP Rape and Sexual Offences Statistics April 2016

	Rape	Attempted Rape	Indecent Assault	Defilement	Sexual Assault	Total
No. of Counts	41	2	0	1	13	57
Total No. of Victims	23	2	0	1	6	26*
No. of Victims under 18 years	11	1	0	1	5	15*
Total No. of Accused Persons	25	2	0	1	6	29*
No. of Accused Persons under 18 years	1	0	0	0	1	1
No. of <i>Nolle Prosequi</i> filed	2	1	0	0	0	2
No. of counts involving people in domestic relationships or relatives	13	0	0	0	5	14
No. of False Complaints	1	0	0	0	0	1

Source: ODPP Fiji

***Please note that a number of rape victims as well as victims under the age of 18 years 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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