



ODPP MEDIA UPDATE

ODPP Rape and Sexual Offences Statistics – May 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 16 people charged with a total of 46 separate incidents in May. The offences were rape (29), attempted rape (1), defilement (2) and sexual assault (14).

Of the 16 people charged, two are Pastors involved in serious sexual offences.

There were 25 victims of the 46 separate incidents. There were a total of 18 victims under the age of 18 years. Of these 18, there were 11 rape victims and 9 sexually assaulted victims under the age of 18 years.

There were 11 sexual offences that occurred in domestic relationships.

There was one serious sexual offence that involved a 4 year old and the accused person was the father of the victim.

Additionally, there was one count of unlawful wounding and one count of criminal trespass 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 May 2016* for a break-down of these statistics.



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	Rape	Attempted Rape	Indecent Assault	Defilement	Sexual Assault	Total
No. of Counts	29	1	0	2	14	46
Total No. of Victims	17	1	0	1	10	25*
No. of Victims under 18 years	11	1	0	1	9	18*
Total No. of Accused Persons	15	1	0	1	4	16*
No. of Accused Persons under 18 years	0	0	0	0	0	0
No. of <i>Nolle Prosequi</i> filed	1	0	0	1	0	2
No. of counts involving people in domestic relationships or relatives	11	1	0	0	3	11*
No. of False Complaints	0	0	0	1	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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