



## ODPP MEDIA UPDATE

### ODPP Rape and Sexual Offences Statistics – July 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 24 people charged with a total of 45 separate incidents in July. The offences were rape (35), attempted rape (3) and sexual assault (7).

There were two people charged with serious sexual offences that were under the age of 18 years.

There were 22 victims of the 45 separate incidents. There were a total of 13 victims of serious sexual offences under the age of 18 years.

There were five sexual offences that occurred where the victims were related to the accused person. There was one serious sexual offence where the accused person was the biological father and the victim was 8 years old. Another serious sexual offence involved a 56 year old biological grandfather and the victim was 10 years old.

There was one serious sexual offence where the accused person was an 83 year old landlord and the victim was 11 years old.

There were five cases that were discontinued after discontinuances (*Nolle Prosequi*) were filed. Of the five, one was discontinued due to a false complaint from the complainant.

Refer to the table entitled *ODPP Rape and Sexual Offences Statistics July 2016* for a breakdown of these statistics.



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	Rape	Attempted Rape	Indecent Assault	Defilement	Sexual Assault	Total
No. of Counts	35	3	0	0	7	45
Total No. of Victims	20	3	0	0	6	22*
No. of Victims under 18 years	11	2	0	0	5	13*
Total No. of Accused Persons	21	3	0	0	5	24*
No. of Accused Persons under 18 years	2	0	0	0	1	2*
No. of <i>Nolle Prosequi</i> filed	4	1	0	0	0	5
No. of counts involving people in domestic relationships or relatives	5	0	0	0	2	5*
No. of False Complaints	0	1	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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