



ODPP MEDIA UPDATE

ODPP Rape and Sexual Offences Statistics – August 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 22 people charged with a total of 57 separate incidents in August. The offences were rape (37), attempted rape (1), defilement (1) and sexual assault (18).

There were 21 victims of the 57 separate incidents. There were a total of 14 victims of serious sexual offences under the age of 18 years.

There were seven sexual offences that occurred where the victims were related to the accused person. There were two cases of marital rape.

There was one serious sexual offence where the accused was the biological mother and the victim was her 14 year old daughter.

Another serious sexual offence involved a 71 year old uncle and a 4 year old victim.

There were 3 cases that were discontinued after discontinuances (*Nolle Prosequi*) were filed. Of the 3, one was discontinued due to a false complaint from the complainant.

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



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	Rape	Attempted Rape	Indecent Assault	Defilement	Sexual Assault	Total
No. of Counts	37	1	0	1	18	57
Total No. of Victims	18	1	0	1	11	21*
No. of Victims under 18 years	11	1	0	1	9	14*
Total No. of Accused Persons	18	1	0	1	11	22*
No. of Accused Persons under 18 years	0	0	0	0	0	0
No. of <i>Nolle Prosequi</i> filed	3	0	0	0	1	3*
No. of counts involving people in domestic relationships or relatives	6	1	0	0	3	7*
No. of False Complaints	1	0	0	0	1	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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