



ODPP MEDIA UPDATE

ODPP Rape and Sexual Offences Statistics – October 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 44 separate incidents in October. The offences were rape (30), abduction with intent to rape (2), assault with intent to rape (2) incest (5) and sexual assault (5).

There was one person charged under the age of 18 years.

There were 23 victims of the 44 separate incidents. There were a total of 13 victims of serious sexual offences under the age of 18 years.

The youngest victim was 6 years old and the accused was her 65 year old grandfather.

There were nine sexual offences that occurred where the victims were related to the accused person.

There were three matters withdrawn after discontinuances (*Nolle Prosequi*) was filed. There were two matters where the victims made false complaints. They will be charged for making false complaints.

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



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	Rape	Abduction with intent to Rape	Assault with intent to Rape	Incest	Sexual Assault	Total
No. of Counts	30	2	2	5	5	44
Total No. of Victims	20	1	1	1	5	23*
No. of Victims under 18 years	12	1	0	0	5	13*
Total No. of Accused Persons	22	1	1	1	5	24*
No. of Accused Persons under 18 years	1	0	0	0	1	1*
No. of <i>Nolle Prosequi</i> filed	3	0	0	0	0	3
No. of counts involving people in domestic relationships or relatives	8	0	0	1	4	9*
No. of False Complaints	2	0	0	0	0	2

Source: ODPP Fiji

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