



ODPP MEDIA UPDATE

ODPP Rape and Sexual Offences Statistics – September 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 14 people charged with a total of 25 separate incidents in September. The offences were rape (17), indecent assault (1), and sexual assault (7). There were two accused under the age of 18 years.

There were 14 victims of the 25 separate incidents. There were a total of 9 victims of serious sexual offences under the age of 18 years.

The youngest victim was 4 years old and the accused was her 47 year old grandfather.

There were seven sexual offences that occurred where the victims were related to the accused person. There was one serious sexual offence where the accused impregnated his niece.

There was one matter that was withdrawn after a discontinuance (*Nolle Prosequi*) was filed.

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



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	Rape	Attempted Rape	Indecent Assault	Defilement	Sexual Assault	Total
No. of Counts	17	0	1	0	7	25
Total No. of Victims	14	0	1	0	3	14*
No. of Victims under 18 years	9	0	1	0	3	9*
Total No. of Accused Persons	14	0	1	0	3	14*
No. of Accused Persons under 18 years	2	0	0	0	0	2
No. of <i>Nolle Prosequi</i> filed	1	0	0	0	0	1
No. of counts involving people in domestic relationships or relatives	7	0	0	0	3	7*
No. of False Complaints	0	0	0	0	0	0

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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