



## ODPP MEDIA UPDATE

### ODPP Rape and Sexual Offences Statistics – November 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 13 people charged with a total of 27 separate incidents in November. The offences were rape (22), attempted rape (1) and sexual assault (4). There was one person charged under the age of 18 years.

There were 13 victims of the 27 separate incidents. There were a total of 8 victims of serious sexual offences under the age of 18 years.

There were 4 sexual offences that occurred where the victims were related to the accused person.

There were 3 matters withdrawn after discontinuances (*Nolle Prosequi*) were filed. Of the 3, one was discontinued due to a false complaint by the victim, and two were discontinued after the deaths of the accused.

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



### ODPP Rape and Sexual Offences Statistics November 2016

	Rape	Attempted Rape	Indecent Assault	Defilement	Sexual Assault	Total
No. of Counts	22	1	0	0	4	27
Total No. of Victims	12	1	0	0	3	13*
No. of Victims under 18 years	7	1	0	0	2	8*
Total No. of Accused Persons	12	1	0	0	3	13*
No. of Accused Persons under 18 years	1	0	0	0	0	1
No. of <i>Nolle Prosequi</i> filed	3	0	0	0	0	3
No. of counts involving people in domestic relationships or relatives	4	0	0	0	0	4
No. of False Complaints	1	0	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 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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