



## ODPP MEDIA UPDATE

### ODPP Rape and Sexual Offences Statistics – January 2017

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 34 separate incidents in January. The offences were rape (28), attempted rape (1), indecent assault (1), and sexual assault (4).

There were 14 victims of the 34 separate incidents of which 9 victims were under the age of 18 years old.

There was one incident of rape where the accused is a 60 year old grandfather and the victim was his 8 year old grandson.

The youngest victim was a 5 year old and the accused was a 50 year old man.

There were 5 offences where the victims were related to the accused persons.

Refer to the table entitled *ODPP Rape and Sexual Offences Statistics January 2017* for a break-down of these statistics.



### ODPP Rape and Sexual Offences Statistics January 2017

	Rape	Attempted Rape	Indecent Assault	Defilement	Sexual Assault	Total
No. of Counts	28	1	1	0	4	34
Total No. of Victims	13	1	1	0	3	14*
No. of Victims under 18 years	8	1	1	0	3	9*
Total No. of Accused Persons	13	1	1	1	3	14*
No. of Accused Persons under 18 years	0	0	0	0	0	0
No. of <i>Nolle Prosequi</i> filed	0	0	0	0	0	0
No. of counts involving people in domestic relationships or relatives	5	0	0	0	1	5*
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 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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