



ODPP MEDIA UPDATE

ODPP Rape and Sexual Offences Statistics – February 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 30 people charged with a total of 54 separate incidents in February. The offences were rape (45), assault with intent to rape (6) and sexual assault (3).

There were 24 victims of the 54 separate incidents of which 14 victims were under the age of 18 years old.

There was one incident of rape where the accused is a 72 year old uncle and the victim was his 12 year old niece.

The youngest victim was a 6 year old boy and the accused was his 65 year old grandfather. The youngest accused person was a 12 year old boy and the victim was also 12 years old.

There were four separate incidents of alleged gang rapes and the victims were 12 years, 19 years, 20 years and 22 years old. Of these four alleged gang rapes, one of the victims was a tourist.

There were 9 incidents where the victims were related to the accused persons.

One case was withdrawn after a discontinuance (*Nolle Prosequi*) was filed.

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



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	Rape	Assault with intent to Rape	Indecent Assault	Defilement	Sexual Assault	Total
No. of Counts	45	6	0	0	3	54
Total No. of Victims	24	3	0	0	3	24*
No. of Victims under 18 years	14	1	0	0	3	14*
Total No. of Accused Persons	30	6	0	0	3	30*
No. of Accused Persons under 18 years	1	0	0	0	0	1
No. of <i>Nolle Prosequi</i> filed	1	0	0	0	0	1
No. of incidents involving people in domestic relationships or relatives	9	0	0	0	3	9*
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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