



ODPP MEDIA UPDATE

ODPP Rape and Sexual Offences Statistics – April 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 13 people charged with a total of 32 separate incidents in April. The offences were rape (24), indecent assault (3), defilement (1) and sexual assault (4).

There were 13 victims of the 32 separate incidents of which 8 victims were under the age of 18 years old.

There were 7 incidents where the accused and the victims were related to each other. Of these 7, there was one serious incident where the accused is a 65 year old grandfather and the victim is his 4 year old granddaughter.

Another serious sexual offence involved a 66 year old uncle and his 8 year old niece.

There was one serious sexual offence involving a 32 year old accused person and a 15 year old boy.

One case of rape and indecent assault was withdrawn after discontinuance (*Nolle Prosequi*) was filed. This was an incident of false complaint where the victim conspired with others to make a false statement.

Refer to the table entitled *ODPP Rape and Sexual Offences Statistics April 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	24	0	3	1	4	32
Total No. of Victims	12	0	2	1	4	13*
No. of Victims under 18 years	8	0	1	1	2	8*
Total No. of Accused Persons	12	0	2	1	4	13*
No. of Accused Persons under 18 years	0	0	0	0	0	0
No. of <i>Nolle Prosequi</i> filed	1	0	1	0	0	1*
No. of incidents involving people in domestic relationships or relatives	7	0	1	0	1	7*
No. of False Complaints	1	0	1	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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