



ODPP MEDIA UPDATE

ODPP Rape and Sexual Offences Statistics – March 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 25 separate incidents in March. The offences were rape (20), and sexual assault (5).

There were 13 victims of the 25 separate incidents of which 5 victims were under the age of 18 years old.

There was one serious incident where the accused is a 70 year old man and the victim was 13 years old. Another serious incident involved a 32 year old man and an 8 year old boy.

One serious incident involved a 22 year old accused person and a 40 year old mentally impaired woman.

There were 3 incidents where the victims were related to the accused persons. Of these 3, there was one incident where the accused is a 37 year old father and the victim is his 11 year old biological daughter.

There was one incident where a Police Sergeant was charged with indecently annoying a Police Corporal. (***This statistic is not included in the table.***)

Four cases were withdrawn after discontinuances (*Nolle Prosequi*) were filed. There was one incident of a false complaint from the victim.

Refer to the table entitled *ODPP Rape and Sexual Offences Statistics March 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	20	0	0	0	5	25
Total No. of Victims	13	0	0	0	3	13*
No. of Victims under 18 years	5	0	0	0	1	5*
Total No. of Accused Persons	13	0	0	0	3	13*
No. of Accused Persons under 18 years	0	0	0	0	0	0
No. of <i>Nolle Prosequi</i> filed	4	0	0	0	0	4
No. of incidents involving people in domestic relationships or relatives	3	0	0	0	1	3*
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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