



ODPP MEDIA UPDATE

ODPP Rape and Sexual Offences Statistics – May 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 28 people charged with a total of 72 separate incidents in May. The offences were rape (51), attempted rape (1), indecent assault (3), defilement (2) and sexual assault (15).

There were 33 victims of the 72 separate incidents of whom 21 victims were under the age of 18 years. There were 3 accused persons under the age of 18 years. Of these 3, one of the accused is alleged to have raped a 3 year old male.

A police officer was also charged with one count of sexual assault.

There were 12 incidents where the accused and the victims were related to each other.

Of these 12, there were two serious sexual offences where the victims were 1 year 10 months and 1 year 11 months old and the accused persons were a 22 year old father and a 60 year old grandfather. There was another incident where the victim was 3 years old and the accused was his 32 year old stepfather.

Another serious sexual offence involved a 73 year old man who was charged with the rape of his daughter and daughter-in-law and sexual assault of his granddaughter.

There was one serious sexual offence which happened in a school where the accused was a 42 year old teacher and the victim a 14 year old pupil. There was another incident where a 48 year old man was charged with the rape of a foreign student.

There was one incident where a 61 year old man is alleged to have sexually assaulted a mentally challenged victim.

One case of rape, one case of rape and sexual assault and one case of defilement were withdrawn after discontinuances (*Nolle Prosequi*) were filed. There were two incidents of false complaints.

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



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	Rape	Attempted Rape	Indecent Assault	Defilement	Sexual Assault	Total
No. of Counts	51	1	3	2	15	72
Total No. of Victims	28	1	2	2	13	33*
No. of Victims under 18 years	20	0	1	2	10	21*
Total No. of Accused Persons	23	1	1	2	10	28*
No. of Accused Persons under 18 years	3	0	0	0	0	3
No. of <i>Nolle Prosequi</i> filed	2	0	0	1	1	3*
No. of incidents involving people in domestic relationships or relatives	12	0	1	0	1	12*
No. of False Complaints	2	0	0	0	1	2*

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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