



ODPP MEDIA UPDATE

ODPP Rape and Sexual Offences Statistics – July 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 37 people charged with a total of 71 separate incidents in July. The offences were rape (42), attempted rape (4), assault with intent to rape (2), defilement (15) and sexual assault (8).

Of the 37 people charged, 13 accused persons were under the age of 18 years.

There were 21 victims of the 71 separate incidents of whom 15 victims were under the age of 18 years.

There were 7 incidents where the accused and the victims were related to each other.

Of these 7, there was one serious offence where a 43 year old biological father is alleged to have raped his 14 year old daughter in her bedroom. There was one serious incident where a 60 year old stepfather is alleged to have raped and sexually assaulted his 16 year old stepdaughter.

There was one serious incident of alleged gang rape. Three of the 6 accused persons charged in this matter were juveniles.

There was one incident of defilement where 9 of the 11 accused charged were juveniles. They were alleged to have defiled a 14 year old girl.

In another separate incident a 14 year old girl was forced into the car during daylight and allegedly raped by a 52 year old man. The accused is also charged with one count of abduction.

There was another serious incident where a tourist was allegedly raped and sexually assault at a wharf by two men.

There were two separate serious incidents of rape and sexual assaults where the complainants were also victims of robbery and criminal intimidation. **(NB: Robbery and criminal intimidation are not included in the statistics table).**

One case was withdrawn after a discontinuance (*Nolle Prosequi*) was filed.

Refer to the table entitled *ODPP Rape and Sexual Offences Statistics July 2017* for a breakdown of these statistics.



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	Rape	Attempted Rape	Assault with intent to Rape	Defilement	Sexual Assault	Total
No. of Counts	42	4	2	15	8	71
Total No. of Victims	17	4	2	3	6	21*
No. of Victims under 18 years	11	1	0	3	4	15*
Total No. of Accused Persons	23	4	2	13	7	37*
No. of Accused Persons under 18 years	3	1	0	9	0	13
No. of <i>Nolle Prosequi</i> filed	1	0	0	0	0	1
No. of incidents involving people in domestic relationships or relatives	6	2	0	1	3	7*
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.**

1 August 2017.

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