



ODPP MEDIA UPDATE

ODPP Rape and Sexual Offences Statistics – June 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 19 separate incidents in June. The offences were rape (12), attempted rape (1) and sexual assault (6).

There were 10 victims of the 19 separate incidents of whom 8 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 his 9 year old cousin.

There were 6 incidents where the accused and the victims were related to each other.

Of these 6, there was one serious incident where a 59 year old grandfather is alleged to have raped his 2 year old granddaughter.

There was another serious incident where a 62 year old grandfather was alleged to have raped his 4 year old granddaughter; however, this matter was withdrawn due to inadequate police investigation and false accusation by the mother of the victim. The accused in this matter was a diabetic and had been in remand since August 2016. Further investigations have been ordered.

There was one serious incident of alleged gang rape. This matter was also withdrawn after the victim admitted to making a false claim.

There was one serious incident where both the accused and the victim were employees of a resort.

Three cases were withdrawn after discontinuances (*Nolle Prosequi*) were filed. Of these three, two cases were withdrawn due to false complaints.

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



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	Rape	Attempted Rape	Indecent Assault	Defilement	Sexual Assault	Total
No. of Counts	12	1	0	0	6	19
Total No. of Victims	8	1	0	0	4	10*
No. of Victims under 18 years	6	1	0	0	8	8*
Total No. of Accused Persons	11	1	0	0	4	13*
No. of Accused Persons under 18 years	3	0	0	0	0	3
No. of <i>Nolle Prosequi</i> filed	3	0	0	0	0	3
No. of incidents involving people in domestic relationships or relatives	4	1	0	0	3	6*
No. of False Complaints	2	0	0	0	0	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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