



ODPP MEDIA UPDATE

ODPP Rape and Sexual Offences Statistics – September 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 11 people charged with a total of 24 separate incidents in September. The offences were rape (14), assault with intent to rape (1), indecent assault (1) and sexual assault (8).

There were 11 victims of the 24 separate incidents of whom 5 victims were under the age of 18 years.

There were 3 incidents where the accused and the victims were related to each other. In one incident, a 21-year old is alleged to have raped his 9-year old cousin and in another separate incident a 30-year old man is alleged to have raped and sexually assaulted his 15-year old niece. There was one incident where a 45-year old man is alleged to have raped his 24-year old sister-in-law.

There was one incident where a victim was allegedly raped during a home invasion. In another separate incident, the accused was charged with criminal intimidation and rape. **(NB: *The offences of home invasion and criminal intimidation are recorded separately*).**

Two cases were withdrawn after discontinuances (*Nolle Prosequi*) were filed. Of these two, one was withdrawn due to a false statement from the victim.

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



ODPP Rape and Sexual Offences Statistics September 2017

	Rape	Assault with intent to Rape	Indecent Assault	Sexual Assault	Total
No. of Counts	14	1	1	8	24
Total No. of Victims	11	1	1	2	11*
No. of Victims under 18 years	5	0	0	2	5*
Total No. of Accused Persons	11	1	1	2	11*
No. of Accused Persons under 18 years	0	0	0	0	0
No. of <i>Nolle Prosequi</i> filed	2	0	0	0	2
No. of incidents involving people in domestic relationships or relatives	3	0	0	1	3*
No. of False Complaints	1	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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