



ODPP MEDIA UPDATE

ODPP Rape and Sexual Offences Statistics – January 2018

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 22 people charged with a total of 24 separate incidents in January. The offences were rape (16), abduction with intent to have carnal knowledge (1), indecent assault (1), defilement (1) and sexual assault (5).

One 17-year-old juvenile was also charged for raping a 13-year-old girl from his village.

There were 18 victims of the 22 separate incidents of whom 10 victims were under the age of 18 years.

There were 7 incidents where the victims and the accused were related to one another.

In one incident a 54-year-old grandfather was charged with rape and sexual assault of his 6-year-old granddaughter. The alleged offence happened when the victim was alone at home with the grandfather and in another incident a 60-year-old uncle was charged with sexual assault and indecent assault of his 8-year-old niece.

There was one incident where a 36-year-old man was charged for raping his 26-year-old sister after a drinking party. There was one incident where a 20-year-old man was charged for raping his 13-year-old cousin.

There were two separate cases of marital rape where a 46-year old and a 27-year-old man have been charged for raping their wives.

There was one incident of gang rape where 5 men allegedly raped a 50-year-old woman during a home invasion. The accused persons in this case have been also charged with aggravated robbery. (***NB: The offence of aggravated robbery is recorded separately.***)

There was one incident where a 22-year-old man allegedly raped a 35-year-old tourist at a resort and in another incident a 22-year-old man was charged with defilement of a 15-year-old girl at a girls hostel.

There was one incident where a 24-year-old man was charged with rape of another 24-year-old man. The alleged incident happened while both of them were returning from a nightclub.

Refer to the table entitled *ODPP Rape and Sexual Offences January 2018* for a break-down of these statistics.



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	Rape	Abduction with intent to have carnal knowledge	Indecent Assault	Defilement	Sexual Assault	Total
No. of Counts	16	1	1	1	5	24
Total No. of Victims	15	1	1	1	5	18*
No. of Victims under 18 years	7	1	1	1	4	10*
Total No. of Accused Persons	20	1	1	1	5	22*
No. of Accused Persons under 18 years	1	0	0	0	0	1
No. of <i>Nolle Prosequi</i> filed	0	0	0	0	0	0
No. of incidents involving people in domestic relationships or relatives	7	0	1	0	2	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 February 2018.

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