



ODPP MEDIA UPDATE

ODPP Rape and Sexual Offences Statistics – April 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 12 people charged with a total of 19 counts of separate incidents in April. The offences were rape (11), attempted rape (1), abduction with intent to rape (1) defilement (1), and sexual assault (5).

There was one accused person who was under the age of 18 years. He was charged with one count of abduction and one count of defilement of a 16-year-old girl. **(NB: The offence of abduction is recorded separately).**

There were 11 victims of the 19 separate incidents of whom 8 victims were under the age of 18 years.

There were 3 male victims and 8 female victims while all 12 accused persons were male.

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

In one incident a 32-year-old uncle was charged with the rape of his 4-year-old niece while another 48-year-old uncle was charged with representative counts of the rape of his 15-year-old nephew.

There was one incident where a 39-year-old was charged with sexual assault. He is alleged to have sexually assaulted his 14-year-old sister-in-law.

There were two incidents where the accused and victims were neighbours. In one incident a 19-year-old was charged for allegedly raping a 4-year-old girl while in another case a 24-year-old was charged for allegedly raping a 6-year-old boy.

There was one incident where a 25-year-old man allegedly raped a 15-year-old boy in the Northern division.

There was one incident where a 21-year-old man attacked a 24-year-old female in the street and allegedly raped her. This incident happened during daylight hours in the Western division.

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



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	Rape	Attempted Rape	Abduction with intent to Rape	Defilement	Sexual Assault	Total
No. of Counts	11	1	1	1	5	19
Total No. of Victims	8	1	1	1	3	11*
No. of Victims under 18 years	6	0	1	1	2	8*
Total No. of Accused Persons	9	1	1	1	4	12*
No. of Accused Persons under 18 years	0	0	0	1	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	2	0	0	0	1	3
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 May 2018.

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