



## ODPP MEDIA UPDATE

### ODPP Rape and Sexual Offences Statistics – July 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 14 people charged with a total of 26 counts of separate incidents in July. The offences were rape (25) and sexual assault (1).

There were 14 victims of the 26 separate incidents of whom 10 victims were under the age of 18 years.

There was 1 male victim and 13 female victims while all accused persons were male.

Of the 14 people charged, one was 11 years old who was charged with the rape of a 3-year-old girl.

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

In one incident a 19-year-old uncle was charged for allegedly raping his 5-year-old nephew and two 7-year-old nieces.

In another incident a 38-year-old and a 55-year-old man were charged with rape and sexual assault of their 10-year-old niece.

There was one incident where a 55-year-old man was charged for allegedly raping his 21-year-old step daughter.

There were two separate incidents where a 38-year-old grandfather and a 59-year-old granduncle were each charged with rape of their 6-year-old granddaughter and 12-year-old grandniece.

There was one incident of marital rape where a 27-year-old was charged with the rape of his 25-year old wife and in another incident a 35-year-old man was charged with the rape of his 40-year-old de facto partner.

In a separate incident a 38-year-old man was charged with the rape of a 13-year-old girl. He was also charged with abduction and wrongful confinement. ***(NB: The offences of abduction and wrongful confinement are recorded separately).***

There was one incident where two men aged 22 and 23 years old were charged with the rape of a 19-year-old girl and in another incident a 49-year-old was charged with the rape of a 10-year-old girl.

Four cases were withdrawn after discontinuances (*Nolle Prosequi*) were filed. One case was withdrawn due to the death of the accused and another case was withdrawn due to being unable to locate the victim while two other cases were withdrawn after complainants admitted to making false statements.

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



## ODPP Rape and Sexual Offences Statistics July 2018

	Rape	Indecent Assault	Defilement	Sexual Assault	Total
No. of Counts	25	0	0	1	26
Total No. of Victims	14	0	0	1	14*
No. of Victims under 18 years	10	0	0	1	10*
Total No. of Accused Persons	13	0	0	1	14
No. of Accused Persons under 18 years	1	0	0	0	1
No. of <i>Nolle Prosequi</i> filed	4	0	0	0	4
No. of incidents involving people in domestic relationships or relatives	7	0	0	1	7*
No. of False Complaints	2	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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