



ODPP MEDIA UPDATE

ODPP Rape and Sexual Offences Statistics – June 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 37 counts of separate incidents in June. The offences were rape (28), attempted rape (1), abduction with intent (2), defilement (3), and sexual assault (3).

There were 22 victims of the 37 separate incidents of whom 15 victims were under the age of 18 years.

There was 1 male victim and 21 female victims while all accused persons were male.

There were 12 incidents where the victims and the accused were related to one another.

In one incident a 75-year-old man was charged for allegedly raping his 3-year-old granddaughter and in another incident a 43-year-old father was charged with the rape of his 14-year-old daughter who fell pregnant after the incident.

There were two separate incidents where 59-year-old and 38-year-old uncles were charged for allegedly raping their 8-year-old and 9-year-old nieces.

There was another incident where a 29-year-old uncle was charged for allegedly raping his 12-year-old nephew.

There were two incidents of marital rape where a 32-year-old and a 43-year-old were charged with the rape of their 23-year-old and 36-year-old wives.

In a separate incident a 33-year-old man was charged with multiple counts of rape of his 13-year-old stepdaughter and 14-year-old niece. The accused was also charged with an act with intent to cause grievous harm. (**NB: The offence of act with intent to cause grievous harm is recorded separately**).

There were two separate incidents where a 30-year-old was charged with the rape of his 13-year-old cousin while a 23-year-old was charged for allegedly defiling his 15-year-old cousin.

In another incident a 33-year-old man was charged with the rape of his 13-year-old adoptive sister.

One accused also known as the leader of the “Jezreel Lion of Judah” church and who is currently serving a 20-year sentence for rape convictions in 2017 was charged for a separate offence of sexual assault.

There was one incident where a 23-year-old school teacher was charged with defilement of a 15-year-old pupil.

There was one incident where a 29-year-old was charged with the attempted rape of his 20-year-old girlfriend. The accused was also charged with assault. (**NB: The offence of assault is recorded separately**).

Three cases were withdrawn after discontinuances (*Nolle Prosequi*) were filed. One case was withdrawn after the victim admitted to making a false complaint, another case was withdrawn after the victim left the country and the third case was withdrawn due to insufficient evidence.

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



ODPP Rape and Sexual Offences Statistics June 2018

	Rape	Attempted Rape	Abduction with intent	Defilement	Sexual Assault	Total
No. of Counts	28	1	2	3	3	37
Total No. of Victims	16	1	1	3	3	22*
No. of Victims under 18 years	11	0	2	3	1	15*
Total No. of Accused Persons	15	1	3	4	3	22*
No. of Accused Persons under 18 years	0	0	0	0	0	0
No. of <i>Nolle Prosequi</i> filed	2	0	1	1	0	3*
No. of incidents involving people in domestic relationships or relatives	11	0	0	1	1	12*
No. of False Complaints	1	0	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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