



ODPP MEDIA UPDATE

ODPP Rape and Sexual Offences Statistics – August 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 30 people charged with a total of 62 counts of separate incidents in August. The offences were rape (44), abduction with intent to have carnal knowledge (1) and sexual assault (17).

There were 27 victims of the 62 counts of separate incidents of whom 21 victims were under the age of 18 years.

Of the 30 people charged, one was a police officer who was charged with the rape of his 17-year-old niece. There were 4 juveniles who were charged with rape and sexual assault. A 12-year-old boy was charged with the rape of a 6-year-old girl, a 15-year-old boy was charged with multiple counts of rape and sexual assaults of a 16-year-old girl and two 17-year-olds were charged alongside another accused with the rape of their 15-year-old cousin.

There were 14 incidents where the victims and the accused were related to one another.

In one incident a 45-year-old man was charged for allegedly raping his 63-year-old mother.

In another incident a 66-year-old was charged with multiple counts of rape and sexual assault of his 53-year-old sister-in-law.

There was one incident where a 29-year-old man was charged for allegedly raping his 46-year-old grandmother.

There were two separate incidents where a 58-year-old grandfather was charged with rape and sexual assault of his 12-year-old granddaughter and a 34-year-old granduncle was charged with rape of his 14-year-old grandniece.

There were three separate incidents where fathers were charged with rape and sexual assault of their daughters. In one incident a 42-year-old man was charged with sexual assault of his 6-year-old daughter, in another incident a 48-year-old man was charged with rape and sexual assault of his 10-year-old daughter and in the third incident a 48-year-old man was charged with the rape of his 9-year-old stepdaughter.

A 45-year-old man was charged with rape and sexual assault of his 9-year-old niece while another 55-year-old man was charged with rape and sexual assault of his 16 and 17-year-old nieces.

There were two incidents where victims were allegedly raped by their de facto partners. In one of these incidents, a 28-year-old man was charged with the rape of his 24-year-old de facto partner. The accused was also charged with assault causing actual bodily harm and criminal intimidation. ***(NB: The offences of assault causing actual bodily harm and criminal intimidation are recorded separately).***

A 40-year-old man was charged with rape, sexual assault and abduction with intent to have carnal knowledge of a 12-year-old girl. The accused who is a family friend was also charged with wrongful confinement. ***(NB: The offence of wrongful confinement is recorded separately).***

In a separate incident a 31-year-old man was charged with the sexual assault of a 4-year-old girl.

In another incident a 60-year-old man was charged with rape and indecently annoying a 14-year-old girl. ***(NB: The offence of indecently annoying is recorded separately).***

There was one incident where a 56-year-old man was charged with the rape of a 6-year-old girl. The accused was the victim's school bus driver.

There was one incident where two men aged 20 and 21 years old were charged with the rape of a 17-year-old girl during a church group camp.

Two cases were withdrawn after discontinuances (*Nolle Prosequi*) were filed. One case was withdrawn due to police being unable to locate the victim while another case was withdrawn after the complainant admitted to making a false statement.

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



ODPP Rape and Sexual Offences Statistics August 2018

	Rape	Abduction with intent to have carnal knowledge	Defilement	Sexual Assault	Total
No. of Counts	44	1	0	17	62
Total No. of Victims	24	1	0	10	27*
No. of Victims under 18 years	17	1	0	12	21*
Total No. of Accused Persons	28	1	0	9	30*
No. of Accused Persons under 18 years	4	0	0	1	4*
No. of <i>Nolle Prosequi</i> filed	2	0	0	0	2
No. of incidents involving people in domestic relationships or relatives	12	0	0	5	14*
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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