



ODPP MEDIA UPDATE

ODPP Rape and Sexual Offences Statistics – September 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 15 people charged with a total of 35 counts of separate incidents in September. The offences were rape (29), indecent assault (1) and sexual assault (5).

There were 15 victims of the 35 counts of separate incidents of whom 12 victims were under the age of 18 years.

Of the 15 people charged, one was a 15-year-old boy who was charged with the rape of a 14-year-old girl.

There were 8 incidents where the victims and the accused persons were related to one another.

A 61-year-old grandfather was charged with multiple counts of rape and sexual assault of his granddaughters. He is alleged to have raped and sexually assaulted his 8-year-old, 10-year-old and two 11-year-old granddaughters.

In another incident a 42-year-old man was charged with the rape of his 12-year-old stepdaughter.

There was one incident where a 32-year-old man was charged with the rape and assault of his 37-year-old de facto partner. ***(NB: The offence of assault is recorded separately).***

A 42-year-old man was charged with the rape of his 16-year-old niece while a 20-year-old man was charged with the rape of his 16-year-old cousin.

There was one incident where a 26-year-old man was charged with the rape of his 15-year-old girlfriend.

In a separate incident, a 53-year-old man was charged with the rape and sexual assault of a 15-year-old male employee.

There was one incident where a 55-year-old man was charged with the rape, indecent assault, assault and criminal intimidation of a 20-year-old woman. ***(NB: The offences of assault and criminal intimidation are recorded separately).***

One matter was withdrawn after a discontinuance (*Nolle Prosequi*) was filed due to false complaints from witnesses.

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



ODPP Rape and Sexual Offences Statistics September 2018

	Rape	Indecent Assault	Defilement	Sexual Assault	Total
No. of Counts	29	1	0	5	35
Total No. of Victims	15	1	0	5	15*
No. of Victims under 18 years	12	0	0	5	12*
Total No. of Accused Persons	15	1	0	5	15*
No. of Accused Persons under 18 years	1	0	0	0	1
No. of <i>Nolle Prosequi</i> filed	1	0	0	0	1
No. of incidents involving people in domestic relationships or relatives	8	0	0	4	8*
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.**

1 October 2018.

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