



ODPP MEDIA UPDATE

ODPP Rape and Sexual Offences Statistics – December 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 6 people charged with a total of 10 counts of separate incidents in December. The offences were rape (8) and sexual assault (2).

There were 6 victims of the 10 counts of separate incidents and all these six victims were under the age of 18 years.

Of the 6 people charged, one was a 17-year-old boy who was charged with the rape and assault of his 3-year-old nephew. (***NB: The offence of assault is recorded separately.***)

There were 5 incidents where the victims and the accused persons were related to one another.

There was one incident where a 71-year-old man was charged with the rape of his 4-year-old granddaughter.

There were 2 separate incidents where uncles were charged with the rape of their nieces. In one incident, a 36-year-old man was charged with the rape and sexual assault of his 8-year-old niece while in another incident a 24-year-old man was charged with the rape of his 13-year-old niece.

In a separate incident, an 18-year-old was charged with the rape of his 17-year-old sister.

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



ODPP Rape and Sexual Offences Statistics December 2018

	Rape	Indecent Assault	Defilement	Sexual Assault	Total
No. of Counts	8	0	0	2	10
Total No. of Victims	6	0	0	2	6*
No. of Victims under 18 years	6	0	0	2	6*
Total No. of Accused Persons	6	0	0	2	6*
No. of Accused Persons under 18 years	1	0	0	0	1
No. of <i>Nolle Prosequi</i> filed	0	0	0	0	0
No. of incidents involving people in domestic relationships or relatives	5	0	0	0	5
No. of False Complaints	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.**

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