



## ODPP MEDIA UPDATE

### ODPP Rape and Sexual Offences Statistics – January 2019

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 10 people charged with a total of 15 counts of separate incidents in January. The offences were rape (10), attempted rape (3), abduction with intent to have carnal knowledge (1) and indecent assault (1).

A police officer and 3 juveniles were also charged with sexual offences. A 42-year-old police officer was charged with the rape and attempted rape of a 17-year-old girl who was residing with the family. A 16-year-old boy was charged with the attempted rape of a 13-year-old girl, a 17-year-old boy was charged with the rape of his 7-year-old male cousin while another 17-year-old boy was charged with rape and abduction with the intent to have carnal knowledge of two 12-year-old girls.

There were 11 victims of the 15 separate incidents of whom 7 victims were under the age of 18 years.

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

A 38-year-old man was charged with the rape of his 5-year-old daughter while in another incident a 56-year-old man was charged with the rape of his 44-year-old niece.

There was one incident where a 22-year-old man was charged with the attempted rape of his 50-year-old aunt.

There was one incident where a 38-year-old preschool caretaker was charged with the rape of a 4-year-old girl.

A 34-year-old man was charged with the rape of a 56-year-old woman. The accused allegedly entered the victim's bedroom through an open window.

There was one incident where a 59-year-old man was charged with the rape and indecent assault of a 20-year-old woman. The man is already serving an 11 year sentence for another rape case.

Refer to the table entitled *ODPP Rape and Sexual Offences January 2019* for a break-down of these statistics.



### ODPP Rape and Sexual Offences Statistics January 2019

	Rape	Attempted Rape	Abduction with intent to have carnal knowledge	Indecent Assault	Total
No. of Counts	10	3	1	1	15
Total No. of Victims	9	3	2	1	11*
No. of Victims under 18 years	6	2	2	0	7*
Total No. of Accused Persons	8	3	1	1	10*
No. of Accused Persons under 18 years	2	1	0	1	3*
No. of <i>Nolle Prosequi</i> filed	0	0	0	0	0
No. of incidents involving people in domestic relationships or relatives	4	2	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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