



ODPP MEDIA UPDATE

ODPP Rape and Sexual Offences Statistics – June 2015

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 32 people charged with a total of 47 separate incidents of serious sexual offences in June. These included two people under the age of 18 years. The offences consisted of rape (43), defilement (3) and indecent assault (1).

There were 25 victims of 47 separate incidents. Of the 25, 15 were under the age of 18 years.

Of these 15, three were between the ages of 3 and 6, while twelve were between the ages of 13 and 17.

There were 13 rape victims under the age of 18 years, one victim of indecent assault under the age of 18 years, and one victim of defilement.

Six cases were discontinued before the courts after discontinuances (*Nolle Prosequi*) were filed for 5 rape matters and one defilement matter. Of these six, three were withdrawn after it was found that complainants had given false information.

There were two serious sexual offences that involved couples in domestic relationships.

Refer to the graph and table entitled *ODPP Rape and Sexual Offences Statistics June 2015* for a break-down of these statistics.

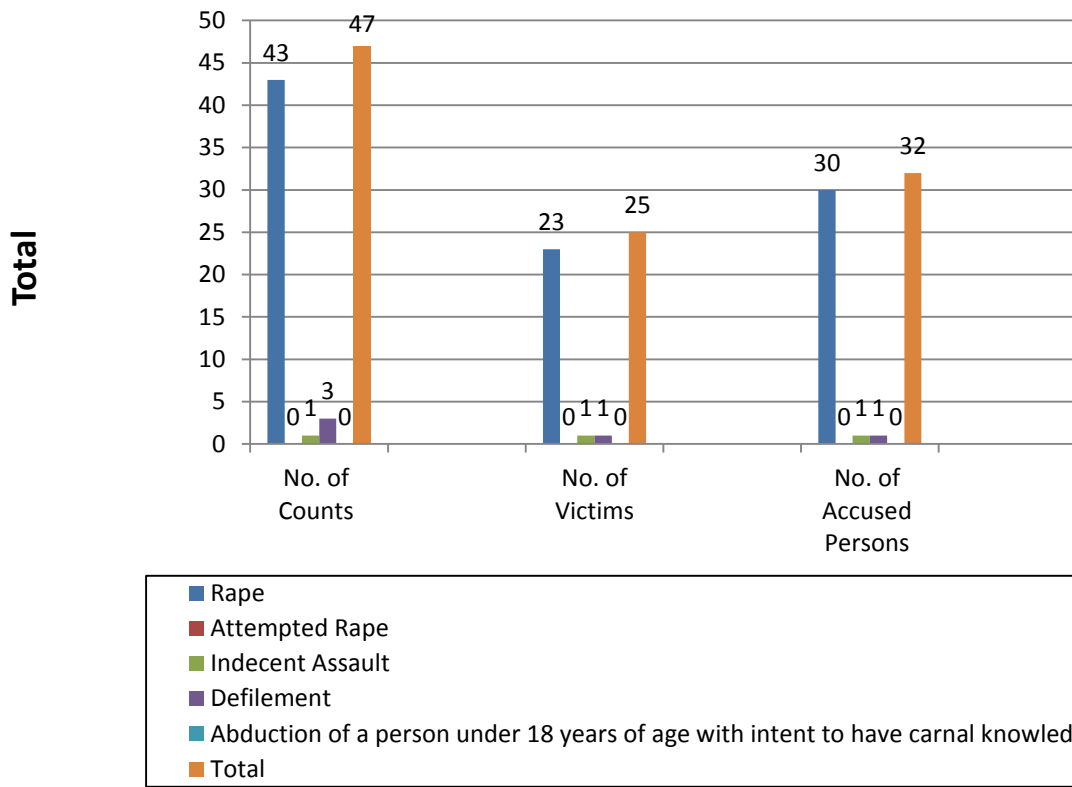


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| | Rape | Attempted Rape | Indecent Assault | Defilement | Abduction of a person under 18 years of age with intent to have carnal knowledge | Total |
|--|-------------|-----------------------|-------------------------|-------------------|---|--------------|
| No. of Counts | 43 | 0 | 1 | 3 | 0 | 47 |
| Total No. of Victims | 23 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 25 |
| No. of Victims under 18 years | 13 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 15 |
| Total No. of Accused Persons | 30 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 32 |
| No. of Accused Persons under 18 years | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 |
| No. of <i>Nolle Prosequi</i> filed | 5 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 6 |
| No. of counts involving people in domestic relationships | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 |
| No. of False Complaints | 3 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 3 |

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