



ODPP MEDIA UPDATE

ODPP Rape and Sexual Offences Statistics – July 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 18 people charged with a total of 22 separate incidents of serious sexual offences in July. The offences consisted of rape (20) and defilement (2).

There were 16 victims of 22 separate incidents. Of the 16, 9 were under the age of 18 years.

Of these 9, two were between the ages of 3 and 6, while seven were between the ages of 12 and 17.

There were 8 rape victims under the age of 18 years, and one victim of defilement.

Three cases were discontinued before the courts after discontinuances (*Nolle Prosequi*) were filed for 3 rape matters. Of these 3, two were withdrawn after it was found that complainants had given false information.

There was one serious sexual offence that involved a couple in a domestic relationship.

There was one serious sexual offence that involved a child of 5 years of age.

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

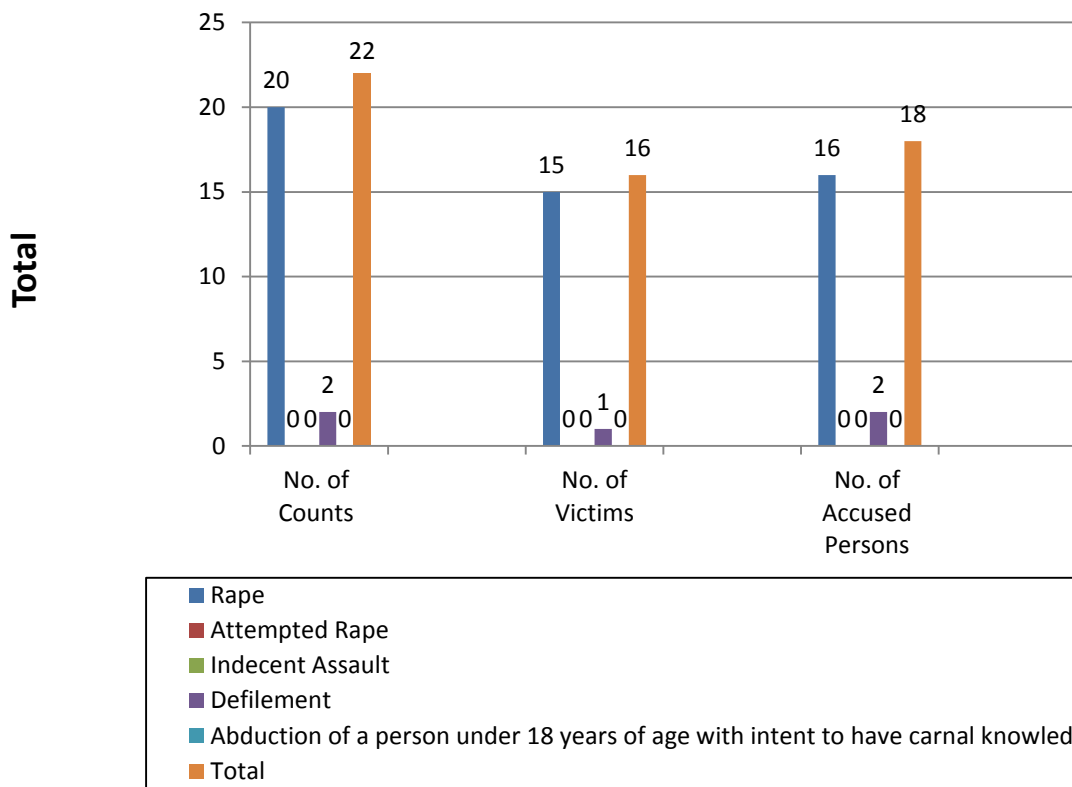


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	Rape	Attempted Rape	Indecent Assault	Defilement	Abduction of a person under 18 years of age with intent to have carnal knowledge	Total
No. of Counts	20	0	0	2	0	22
Total No. of Victims	15	0	0	1	0	16
No. of Victims under 18 years	8	0	0	1	0	9
Total No. of Accused Persons	16	0	0	2	0	18
No. of Accused Persons under 18 years	0	0	0	0	0	0
No. of <i>Nolle Prosequi</i> filed	3	0	0	0	0	3
No. of counts involving people in domestic relationships	1	0	0	0	0	1
No. of False Complaints	2	0	0	0	0	2

Source: ODPP Fiji

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