



## ODPP MEDIA UPDATE

### ODPP Rape and Sexual Offences Statistics – October 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 21 people charged with a total of 38 separate incidents of serious sexual offences in October. The offences consisted of rape (30), sexual assault (7), and defilement (1).

There were 20 victims of 38 separate incidents. Of the 20, 15 were under the age of 18 years.

Of these 15, seven were between the ages of 3 and 11, while eight were between the ages of 12 and 17.

There were 11 rape victims under the age of 18 years, three victims of sexual assault and there was one victim of defilement.

Three cases were discontinued before the Courts after discontinuances (*Nolle Prosequi*) were filed for three rape matters.

There was one serious sexual offence that involved a child of 3 years of age.

There were 14 serious sexual offences involving relatives. Of these 14, there were 10 rape matters and 4 sexual assault matters.

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



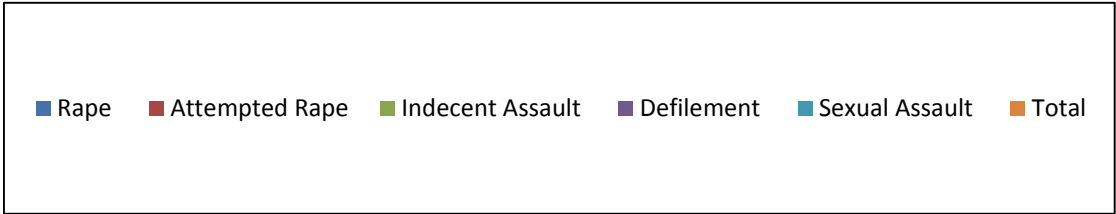
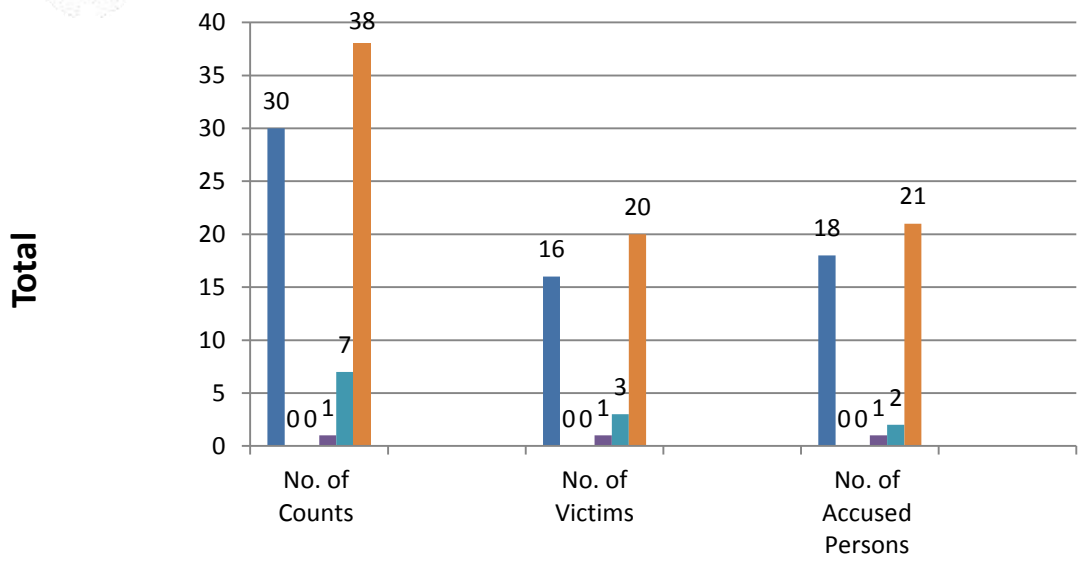
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|   | Rape | Attempted Rape | Indecent Assault | Defilement | Sexual Assault | Total |
|---|------|----------------|------------------|------------|----------------|-------|
| No. of Counts   | 30   | 0              | 0                | 1          | 7              | 38    |
| Total No. of Victims  | 16   | 0              | 0                | 1          | 3              | 20    |
| No. of Victims under 18 years   | 11   | 0              | 0                | 1          | 3              | 15    |
| Total No. of Accused Persons  | 18   | 0              | 0                | 1          | 2              | 21    |
| No. of Accused Persons under 18 years                                 | 0    | 0              | 0                | 0          | 1              | 1     |
| No. of <i>Nolle Prosequi</i> filed                                    | 3    | 0              | 0                | 0          | 0              | 3     |
| No. of counts involving people in domestic relationships or relatives | 10   | 0              | 0                | 0          | 4              | 14    |
| No. of False Complaints   | 1    | 0              | 0                | 0          | 0              | 1     |

Source: ODPP Fiji



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