



ODPP MEDIA UPDATE

ODPP Rape and Sexual Offences Statistics – March 2016

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 34 people charged with a total of 53 separate incidents in March. The offences were rape (35), defilement (2), indecent assault (2) and sexual assault (14).

There were three people charged with serious sexual offences that were under the age of 18 years.

There were 26 victims of the 53 separate incidents. There were a total of 18 victims under the age of 18 years. Of the 18, there were 14 rape victims under the age of 18 years of which two victims were also indecently assaulted and 11 victims were also sexually assaulted.

There were two victims of defilement of which both the accused persons and the victims were under the age of 18 years.

There were seven sexual offences that occurred in domestic settings.

There was one serious sexual offence that occurred at a workplace and another serious sexual offence that involved a police officer.

There was another serious offence that involved a lab technician at a hospital who allegedly committed the offence by falsely representing the purpose of the act.

There were five cases that were withdrawn due to insufficient evidence.

Refer to the table entitled *ODPP Rape and Sexual Offences Statistics March 2016* for a break-down of these statistics.



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	Rape	Attempted Rape	Indecent Assault	Defilement	Sexual Assault	Total
No. of Counts	35	0	2	2	14	53
Total No. of Victims	21	0	2	2	11	26*
No. of Victims under 18 years	14	0	2	2	7	18*
Total No. of Accused Persons	26	0	2	5	11	34*
No. of Accused Persons under 18 years	0	0	0	3	0	3
No. of <i>Nolle Prosequi</i> filed	5	0	0	0	1	5
No. of counts involving people in domestic relationships or relatives	7	0	2	0	4	7
No. of False Complaints	0	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 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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