



ODPP MEDIA UPDATE

ODPP Rape and Sexual Offences Statistics – January 2020

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 46 counts of separate incidents in January. The offences were rape (28), attempt to commit rape (4), indecent assault (3) and sexual assault (11).

Of the 18 people charged, two were juveniles. A 15-year-old boy alongside an 18-year-old man were charged with the rape, attempt to commit rape and indecent assault of 7 and 12-year-old boys who were their cousins.

A 17-year-old boy was charged with the rape and sexual assault of a 10-year-old girl from his village.

There were 20 victims of whom 10 victims were under the age of 18 years. There were 17 female victims and 3 male victims.

There were 11 incidents where the victims and the accused were related to one another.

A 74-year-old man was charged with the rape and attempt to commit rape of his 7-year-old grandson while in another incident a 64-year-old man was charged with the rape and sexual assault of his 12-year-old granddaughter.

A 63-year-old man was charged with representative counts of rape of his 44-year-old stepdaughter. The accused allegedly started raping his stepdaughter from 1987 when she was 11-years-old.

There was one incident where a 52-year-old man was charged with the rape and sexual assault of his 15-year-old intellectually disabled cousin.

A 26-year-old man was charged with the rape of his 18-year-old cousin.

There were two separate incidents where a 57-year-old man and a 53-year-old man were charged with the rape and sexual assault of their 43-year-old and 46-year-old wives.

A 49-year-old man was charged with the rape and sexual assault of his 17-year-old niece while a 28-year-old man was charged with the rape of his 25-year-old sister-in-law.

A 36-year-old man was charged with the rape of a 3-year-old girl. The accused and the victim were neighbours at the time of the incident.

A former government information officer was charged with the rape of a 19-year-old woman.

In another separate incident, a 53-year-old man was charged with the rape of a 15-year-old boy. The victim was an employee of the accused person.

There was one incident where a 21-year-old man was charged with the rape and indecent assault of a 19-year-old woman. The accused and the victim were flatmates at the time of the incident.

One case was withdrawn after a discontinuance (*Nolle Prosequi*) was filed due to insufficient evidence.

Refer to the table entitled *ODPP Rape and Sexual Offences January 2020* for a break-down of these statistics.



ODPP Rape and Sexual Offences Statistics January 2020

	Rape	Attempt to commit Rape	Indecent Assault	Sexual Assault	Total
No. of Counts	28	4	3	11	46
Total No. of Victims	20	3	3	7	20*
No. of Victims under 18 years	10	3	2	5	10*
Total No. of Accused Persons	18	3	3	7	18*
No. of Accused Persons under 18 years	2	1	1	1	2*
No. of <i>Nolle Prosequi</i> filed	1	0	0	0	1
No. of incidents involving people in domestic relationships or relatives	11	3	2	5	11*
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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