



## ODPP MEDIA UPDATE

### ODPP Rape and Sexual Offences Statistics – August 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 40 counts of separate incidents in August. The offences were rape (28), abduction with intent to have carnal knowledge (1), indecent assault (1), defilement (1) and sexual assault (9).

Of the 18 people charged, one was a juvenile. A 17-year-old boy was charged with the rape of his 7-year-old nephew.

There were 15 victims of whom 13 victims were under the age of 18 years. There were 14 female victims and 1 male victim.

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

A 53-year-old man was charged with the rape of his 12-year-old nephew.

A 46-year-old man was charged with the rape of his 16-year-old daughter.

In another incident, a 43-year-old man was charged with the rape of his 7-year-old stepdaughter while a 31-year-old man was charged with the defilement of his 16-year-old stepdaughter.

There was one incident where a 42-year-old man was charged with multiple counts of rape and sexual assault of his 12-year-old stepdaughter. The accused allegedly committed the offences over a period of five years.

An 18-year-old man was charged with the rape of his 6-year-old cousin while in another incident a 30-year-old was charged with the rape of his 16-year-old cousin.

There was one incident where a 54-year-old man, a 37-year-old man and a 22-year-old man were charged with the rape of a 6-year-old girl. All accused persons allegedly committed the offence separately and at different times.

A 28-year-old man and a 30-year-old man were charged with abduction with intent to have carnal knowledge and rape of a 16-year-old girl.

A 33-year-old man was charged with the rape of a 22-year-old woman. The victim was an employee of the accused.

In another incident, a 22-year-old man was charged with the rape of a 17-year-old girl.

There was one incident where a 76-year-old man was charged with the rape of a 26-year-old mentally challenged woman, however, this matter was discontinued after the victim admitted that she consented to sex.

In another incident, a 28-year-old man was charged with the rape of a 17-year-old girl, however, this matter was discontinued due to a false complaint.

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



### ODPP Rape and Sexual Offences Statistics August 2020

	Rape	Abduction with intent to have carnal knowledge	Indecent Assault	Defilement	Sexual Assault	Total
No. of Counts	28	1	1	1	9	40
Total No. of Victims	14	1	1	1	2	15*
No. of Victims under 18 years	12	1	1	1	2	13*
Total No. of Accused Persons	17	2	1	1	2	18*
No. of Accused Persons under 18 years	1	0	1	0	0	1*
No. of <i>Nolle Prosequi</i> filed	2	0	0	0	0	2
No. of incidents involving people in domestic relationships or relatives	8	0	1	1	1	9*
No. of False Complaints	1	0	0	0	0	1

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.

1 September 2020

-End-