



## ODPP MEDIA UPDATE

### ODPP Rape and Sexual Offences Statistics – June 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 31 people charged with a total of 55 counts of separate incidents in June. The offences were rape (46), abduction with intent to commit rape (2), indecent assault (2) and sexual assault (5).

Of the 31 people charged, three were juveniles. A 16-year-old boy was charged with the rape of his 3-year-old nephew while in another incident a 16-year-old boy was charged with the rape and sexual assault of his 8-year-old niece. There was one incident where another 16-year-old boy was charged with the rape of a 15-year-old girl whom he met at a family funeral.

There were 26 victims of whom 18 victims were under the age of 18 years. There were 24 female victims and 2 male victims.

There were 13 incidents where the victims and the accused were related to one another.

A 69-year-old man was charged with the rape of his 12-year-old granddaughter while in another incident a 55-year-old man was charged with the rape of his 34-year-old daughter-in-law, however, this matter was discontinued due to insufficient evidence.

There were five separate incidents where uncles were charged with the rape and sexual assault of their nieces. In one incident, a 45-year-old man was charged with the rape of his 16-year-old niece while in another incident a 21-year-old man was charged with the rape of his 17-year-old niece. In another incident, a 19-year-old man was charged with the rape and sexual assault of his 10-year-old niece.

A 57-year-old man was charged with the rape and sexual assault of his 16-year-old niece. The accused was also charged with one count of indecently annoying the victim. **(NB: *The offence of indecently annoying is not recorded in the statistics table*).**

A 60-year-old man was charged with the rape of his 23-year-old niece, however, this matter was discontinued after the victim admitted that she consented to sex.

There was one incident where a 58-year-old man was charged with the rape of his 48-year-old former wife.

A 42-year-old man was charged with the rape and sexual assault of his 18-year-old cousin while in another incident a 37-year-old man was charged with the rape of his 14-year-old cousin.

There was one incident where a 27-year-old man was charged with the rape of his 17-year-old cousin, however, this matter was discontinued due to insufficient evidence.

There was one incident where a 25-year-old man and a 27-year-old man were charged with the rape and abduction with intent to commit rape of a 15-year-old girl.

In another incident, a 62-year-old man was charged with the rape, abduction with intent to commit rape and indecent assault of a 16-year-old girl, however, this matter was discontinued due to insufficient evidence.

A 44-year-old man was charged with the rape of his 55-year-old landlady.

A 50-year-old man was charged with the rape of a 17-year-old girl outside a church.

A 26-year-old man was charged with the rape of a 12-year-old girl. The accused was a family friend.

There were two separate incidents where a 20-year-old man and a 28-year-old man were charged with the rape a 16-year-old girl and a 17-year-old girl, however, both cases were discontinued after the victims admitted to making false complaints.

An 18-year-old, a 19-year-old, a 22-year-old, a 35-year-old and a 38-year-old man were charged with the rape of a 52-year-old woman. The accused persons were also charged with aggravated robbery. They allegedly broke into the victim's home, raped her and stole goods worth \$2,758, however, this case was discontinued due to insufficient evidence. **(NB: *The offence of aggravated robbery is recorded separately*).**

A 22-year-old man was charged with the rape of a 19-year-old woman, however, this case was discontinued due to a false complaint.

A 74-year-old man was charged with the rape of a 7-year-old boy, however, this matter was discontinued after the child could not recall the incident.

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



### ODPP Rape and Sexual Offences Statistics June 2020

	Rape	Abduction with intent to commit rape	Indecent Assault	Sexual Assault	Total
No. of Counts	46	2	2	5	55
Total No. of Victims	26	2	1	4	26*
No. of Victims under 18 years	18	2	1	3	18*
Total No. of Accused Persons	31	3	1	4	31*
No. of Accused Persons under 18 years	3	1	0	1	3*
No. of <i>Nolle Prosequi</i> filed	9	1	1	0	9*
No. of incidents involving people in domestic relationships or relatives	13	0	0	4	13*
No. of False Complaints	3	0	0	0	3

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.
- \* Due to an oversight at the time of publication, certain statistics were inadvertently omitted. The Rape and Sexual Statistics for the month of June 2020 have been updated as of 3 August 2020.

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