



ODPP MEDIA UPDATE

ODPP Rape and Sexual Offences Statistics – May 2021

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 6 people charged with a total of 16 counts of separate incidents in May. The offences were rape (14), attempted rape (1) and sexual assault (1).

There were 6 victims of whom 4 victims were under the age of 18 years.

Of the 6 people charged, one was a juvenile. A 16-year-old boy was charged with three counts of rape of a 16-year-old girl, however, this matter was discontinued after the victim admitted to making a false complaint.

There was one incident where the victim and the accused were related to one another.

A 62-year-old man was charged with seven counts of rape and one count of sexual assault of his 12-year-old stepdaughter. The accused is currently serving a custodial sentence for the rape of his other stepdaughter.

A 27-year-old man was charged with the rape of a 19-year-old woman, while in another incident, a 26-year-old man was charged with two counts of rape of a 16-year-old girl.

In another incident, a 19-year-old man was charged with the rape of a 16-year-old girl, however, this matter was discontinued due to insufficient evidence.

There was one incident where a 36-year-old man was charged with the attempted rape of a 70-year-old woman, however, this matter was discontinued after the death of the accused person.

Refer to the table entitled *ODPP Rape and Sexual Offences May 2021* for a break-down of these statistics.



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	Rape	Attempted rape	Indecent assault	Sexual Assault	Total
No. of Counts	14	1	0	1	16
Total No. of Victims	5	1	0	1	6*
No. of Victims under 18 years	4	0	0	1	4*
Total No. of Accused Persons	5	1	0	1	6*
No. of Accused Persons under 18 years	1	0	0	0	1
No. of <i>Nolle Prosequi</i> filed	2	1	0	0	3
No. of incidents involving people in domestic relationships or relatives	1	0	0	0	1
No. of False Complaints	1	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.**

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