



ODPP MEDIA UPDATE

ODPP Rape and Sexual Offences Statistics – August 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 seven people charged with a total of 14 counts of separate incidents in August. The offences were rape (8), indecent assault (1) and sexual assault (5).

There were eight victims of whom five victims who were under the age of 18 years. There were six female victims and two male victims.

Of the seven people charged, two were juveniles. A 16-year-old boy was charged with the rape of two 8-year-old boys.

In another incident a 16-year-old boy was charged with the rape and sexual assault of an 8-year-old girl.

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

A 34-year-old man was charged with the indecent assault of his 23-year-old de facto partner.

A 22-year-old man was charged with the rape and sexual assault of a 16-year-old girl. The accused and victim were neighbours.

In another incident a 25-year-old man was charged with the rape of a 16-year-old girl. The victim was drunk at the time of the incident.

There was one incident where a 23-year-old man was charged with the rape of a 24-year-old woman. The victim was attacked at a driveway and rendered unconscious before the accused allegedly raped her.

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



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	Rape	Indecent assault	Defilement	Sexual Assault	Total
No. of Counts	8	1	0	5	14
Total No. of Victims	6	1	0	2	8*
No. of Victims under 18 years	5	0	0	2	5*
Total No. of Accused Persons	6	1	0	2	7*
No. of Accused Persons under 18 years	2	0	0	1	2*
No. of <i>Nolle Prosequi</i> filed	0	0	0	0	0
No. of incidents involving people in domestic relationships or relatives	0	1	0	1	1
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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