



## ODPP MEDIA UPDATE

### ODPP Rape and Sexual Offences Statistics – July 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 five people charged with a total of 13 counts of separate incidents in July. The offences were rape (10) and sexual assault (3).

There were five victims who were under the age of 18 years. There were four female victims and one male victim.

There were three incidents where the victim and the accused were related to one another.

A 44-year-old man was charged with three counts of rape and one count of sexual assault of his 10-year-old adopted daughter.

A 60-year-old man was charged with two counts of rape of his 13-year-old niece, while in another incident, a 28-year-old man was charged with two counts of rape of his 12-year-old nephew.

There was one incident where a 39-year-old man was charged with two counts of rape and two counts of sexual assault of a 17-year-old girl. The accused and the victim were neighbours at the time of the incident.

A 19-year-old man was charged with the rape of a 12-year-old girl. The accused and the victim were neighbours at the time of the incident.

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



### ODPP Rape and Sexual Offences Statistics July 2021

	Rape	Indecent assault	Defilement	Sexual Assault	Total
No. of Counts	10	0	0	3	13
Total No. of Victims	5	0	0	2	5*
No. of Victims under 18 years	5	0	0	2	5*
Total No. of Accused Persons	5	0	0	2	5*
No. of Accused Persons under 18 years	0	0	0	0	0
No. of <i>Nolle Prosequi</i> filed	0	0	0	0	0
No. of incidents involving people in domestic relationships or relatives	3	0	0	1	3*
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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