



## ODPP MEDIA UPDATE

### ODPP Rape and Sexual Offences Statistics – September 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 12 counts of separate incidents in September. The offences were rape (7), indecent assault (1), defilement (3) and sexual assault (1).

There were seven victims of whom four victims were under the age of 18 years.

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

A 77-year-old man was charged with the rape of his 8-year-old great-granddaughter.

A 42-year-old man was charged with the rape and sexual assault of his 14-year-old niece while in another incident, a 58-year-old man was charged with the rape and indecent assault of his 34-year-old niece.

There was one incident where a 33-year-old man was charged with the rape and defilement of a 15-year-old girl.

A 33-year-old man was charged with the rape of a 16-year-old girl.

There were two separate incidents where a 19-year-old man and a 39-year-old man were charged with the rape of a 19-year-old woman and a 29-year-old woman whilst they were drunk.

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



## ODPP Rape and Sexual Offences Statistics September 2021

	Rape	Indecent assault	Defilement	Sexual Assault	Total
No. of Counts	7	1	3	1	12
Total No. of Victims	7	1	1	1	7*
No. of Victims under 18 years	4	0	1	1	4*
Total No. of Accused Persons	7	1	1	1	7*
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	1	0	0	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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