



ODPP MEDIA UPDATE

ODPP Rape and Sexual Offences Statistics – November 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 25 people charged with a total of 80 counts of separate incidents in November. The offences were rape (60), criminal trespass with intent to commit rape (1), indecent assault (1), defilement (2) and sexual assault (16).

There were 24 victims of whom 20 victims were under the age of 18 years. There were 23 female victims and one male victim.

Of the 25 accused persons, five were juveniles.

A 14-year-old boy was charged with the rape of his 12-year-old cousin. The accused was also charged with one count of criminal intimidation for threatening to kill the victim. ***(NB: The offence of criminal intimidation is recorded separately).***

A 17-year-old boy was charged with the rape of a 13-year-old girl from his village while in another incident, a 17-year-old boy was charged with the rape of a 14-year-old girl.

There was one incident where a 13-year-old boy and a 15-year-old boy were charged with the rape of a 10-year-old girl from their village.

There were 15 incidents where the victim and the accused were related to one another.

A 43-year-old man was charged with nine counts of rape and six counts of sexual assault of his 14-year-old daughter. The accused allegedly started raping his daughter when she was 10 years old. The accused was also charged with criminal intimidation for threatening to kill his daughter. ***(NB: The offence of criminal intimidation is recorded separately).***

A 56-year-old man was charged with the rape of his 14-year-old daughter while in another incident, a 37-year-old man was charged with the rape of his 16-year-old daughter.

There was one incident where a 50-year-old man was charged with 16 counts of rape of his 14-year-old niece from 2016.

In another incident, a 23-year-old man was charged with eight counts of rape and two counts of sexual assault of his 11-year-old niece.

A 43-year-old man was charged with the rape and sexual assault of his 16-year-old stepdaughter while in another incident, a 32-year-old man was charged with the rape of his 11-year-old stepdaughter.

A 41-year-old man was charged with the rape and sexual assault of his 11-year-old stepdaughter while in another incident, a 21-year-old man was charged with the indecent assault and sexual assault of his 30-year-old stepsister.

There was one incident where a 29-year-old man was charged with three counts of rape of his 16-year-old niece while in another incident, a 31-year-old man was charged with the rape of his 15-year-old niece.

A 22-year-old man was charged with the rape of his 5-year-old niece. The accused was also charged with criminal intimidation. **(NB: The offence of criminal intimidation is recorded separately).**

A 36-year-old man was charged with the rape of his 44-year-old wife. The accused was also charged with two counts of assault and one count of criminal intimidation for allegedly strangling his wife and threatening to kill her. **(NB: The offence of assault and criminal intimidation is recorded separately).**

There was one incident where a 38-year-old man was charged with the rape of his 38-year-old wife, however, this matter was discontinued after the victim admitted to making a false complaint.

A 21-year-old man was charged with the rape of a 16-year-old girl. The accused was also charged with criminal trespass with the intent to commit rape.

A 19-year-old man was charged with the rape and sexual assault of a 16-year-old girl while in another incident, a 22-year-old man was charged with the rape of a 14-year-old girl from his village.

A 43-year-old man was charged with two counts of defilement of a 15-year-old boy.

There were two separate incidents where a 27-year-old man and a 19-year-old man were charged with the rape of a 20-year-old woman and a 16-year-old, however, both these matters were discontinued due to a false complaint and insufficient evidence.

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



ODPP Rape and Sexual Offences Statistics November 2021

	Rape	Criminal trespass with the intent to commit rape	Indecent assault	Defilement	Sexual Assault	Total
No. of Counts	60	1	1	2	16	80
Total No. of Victims	22	1	1	1	7	24*
No. of Victims under 18 years	19	1	0	1	7	20*
Total No. of Accused Persons	23	1	1	1	7	25*
No. of Accused Persons under 18 years	5	0	0	0	0	5*
No. of <i>Nolle Prosequi</i> filed	3	0	0	0	0	3
No. of incidents involving people in domestic relationships or relatives	14	0	1	1	6	15*
No. of False Complaints	2	0	0	0	0	2

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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