



ODPP MEDIA UPDATE

ODPP Rape and Sexual Offences Statistics – January 2022

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 12 people charged with a total of 35 counts of separate incidents in January. The offences were rape (16), indecent assault (2) and sexual assault (17).

Of the 12 people charged, one was a juvenile. A 17-year-old boy was charged with the rape of his 27-year-old special needs cousin.

There were 13 victims of whom seven victims were under the age of 18 years.

There were seven incidents where the victims and the accused were related to one another.

A 75-year-old man was charged with the rape and sexual assault of his 12-year-old grandniece.

A 64-year-old man was charged with the rape and sexual assault of his 10-year-old and 12-year-old nieces while in another incident, a 23-year-old man was charged with the rape of his 14-year-old cousin.

There was one incident where a 30-year-old man was charged with the indecent assault and sexual assault of his 12-year-old stepdaughter.

A 33-year-old man was charged with the rape and sexual assault of his 11-year-old stepniece.

There was one incident of marital rape where a 44-year-old man was charged with the rape of his 33-year-old wife.

A 20-year-old man was charged with the rape of an 18-year-old woman from his village while in another incident, a 19-year-old man was charged with the rape and sexual assault of an 18-year-old woman from his village.

There was one incident where a 36-year-old man was charged with the rape of a 29-year-old woman. The accused allegedly attacked the victim in a washroom.

A 35-year-old man was charged with the rape and sexual assault of a 9-year-old girl, however, this matter was discontinued after the victim returned to her country and could not be contacted.

A 22-year-old man was charged with the rape and sexual assault of a 40-year-old woman, however, this matter was discontinued after the death of the victim.

Refer to the table entitled *ODPP Rape and Sexual Offences January 2022* for a break-down of these statistics.



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	Rape	Indecent Assault	Defilement	Sexual Assault	Total
No. of Counts	16	2	0	17	35
Total No. of Victims	12	1	0	9	13*
No. of Victims under 18 years	7	1	0	7	7*
Total No. of Accused Persons	11	1	0	8	12*
No. of Accused Persons under 18 years	1	0	0	0	1
No. of <i>Nolle Prosequi</i> filed	0	0	0	2	2*
No. of incidents involving people in domestic relationships or relatives	6	1	0	5	7*
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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