



ODPP MEDIA UPDATE

ODPP Rape and Sexual Offences Statistics – April 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 19 people charged with a total of 76 counts of separate incidents in April. The offences were rape (54), attempted rape (2), indecent assault (1), domestic trafficking in person (1) and sexual assault (18).

Of the 19 people charged, two were juveniles. A 15-year-old boy was charged with the rape of a 9-year-old boy while in another incident, a 15-year-old boy was charged with the rape, indecent assault and sexual assault of a 10-year-old girl.

There were 20 victims of whom 15 victims were under the age of 18 years. There were 19 female victims and one male victim.

There were 10 incidents where the victims and the accused were related to one another.

An 80-year-old man was charged with the rape, attempted rape, sexual assault and wrongful confinement of his 9-year-old granddaughter, however, this matter was discontinued after the death of the accused person.

A 58-year-old man was charged with seven counts of rape, one count of attempted rape and four counts of sexual assault of his 15-year-old granddaughter while in another incident, a 67-year-old man was charged with the rape of his 12-year-old granddaughter.

There was one incident where a 32-year-old man and a 41-year-old woman were charged with the rape, sexual assault and domestic trafficking of a 16-year-old girl. The accused persons were the victim's father and stepmother.

A 40-year-old man was charged with the rape of his 22-year-old daughter while in another incident, a 49-year-old man was charged with seven counts of rape of his 18-year-old and 20-year-old stepdaughters.

A 45-year-old man was charged with eight counts of rape and two counts of sexual assault of his 10-year-old niece while in another incident, a 40-year-old man was charged with the rape and sexual assault of his 10-year-old niece.

There was one incident where a 20-year-old man was charged with two counts of rape and one count of sexual assault of his 20-year-old cousin while in another incident, a 19-year-old man was charged with four counts of rape and one count of sexual assault of his 13-year-old cousin.

A 35-year-old man was charged with the rape and sexual assault of a 24-year-old woman. The accused was the friend of the victim's husband.

In another incident, a 69-year-old man was charged with three counts of rape and one count of sexual assault of a 15-year-old and a 13-year-old girl. The victims were sisters and the accused was their mother's friend.

A 25-year-old man was charged with five counts of rape of a 15-year-old girl from his village while in another incident, an 18-year-old man was charged with the rape of his 15-year-old girlfriend.

There was one incident where a 49-year-old man was charged with two counts of rape and two counts of sexual assault of a 14-year-old girl whom he met at a bus stop.

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



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	Rape	Attempted rape	Indecent Assault	Domestic trafficking in person	Sexual Assault	Total
No. of Counts	54	2	1	1	18	76
Total No. of Victims	20	2	1	1	13	20*
No. of Victims under 18 years	15	2	1	1	11	15*
Total No. of Accused Persons	19	2	1	2	13	19*
No. of Accused Persons under 18 years	2	0	1	0	1	2*
No. of <i>Nolle Prosequi</i> filed	1	1	0	0	1	1*
No. of incidents involving people in domestic relationships or relatives	10	2	0	1	7	10*
No. of False Complaints	0	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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