



ODPP MEDIA UPDATE

ODPP Rape and Sexual Offences Statistics – May 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 32 people charged with a total of 73 counts of separate incidents in May. The offences were rape (49), attempted rape (1), assault with the intent to commit rape (1), abduction with intent to have carnal knowledge (6), indecent assault (5), defilement (2) and sexual assault (9).

Of the 32 people charged, one was a police officer. A 35-year-old police officer was charged with the abduction of a 17-year-old girl with the intent to have carnal knowledge.

There were 29 victims of whom 16 victims were under the age of 18 years. There were 28 female victims and one male victim.

There were 14 incidents where the victims and the accused were related to one another.

A 36-year-old man was charged with three counts of rape of his 18-year-old daughter while in another incident, a 36-year-old man was charged with three counts of rape of his 10-year-old stepdaughter.

There was one incident where a 43-year-old man was charged with representative counts of rape, sexual assault and criminal intimidation of his 11-year-old daughter. **(NB: *The offence of criminal intimidation is recorded separately*).**

There was one incident where a 58-year-old man was charged with rape, indecent assault and sexual assault of his 23-year-old daughter-in-law.

In another incident, a 45-year-old man was charged with rape, sexual assault and indecently annoying his 21-year-old step daughter-in-law.

A 39-year-old man and a 38-year-old man were charged with the rape of their 17-year-old and 39-year-old cousins.

There was one incident where a 49-year-old man and a 21-year-old were charged with the rape and sexual assault of a 21-year-old woman, however, this matter was discontinued after the victim admitted to making a false complaint against the accused persons who were her father and brother.

A 30-year-old man and a 27-year-old man were charged with the rape and indecent assault of their 17-year-old and 16-year-old nieces while in another incident, a 44-year-old man was charged with the rape and sexual assault of his 16-year-old niece.

A 24-year-old man was charged with the rape of his 17-year-old niece, however, this matter was discontinued after the victim admitted that the sex was consensual.

There was one incident of marital rape where a 62-year-old man was charged with the rape and sexual assault of his 45-year-old wife.

A 44-year-old man was charged with the rape of his 49-year-old former de facto partner while in another incident, an 18-year-old man was charged with the rape of his former girlfriend.

There was one incident where two 61-year-old men and a 46-year-old man were charged with the rape and assault with the intent to commit rape of a 40-year-old woman. The victim was a cleaner at one of the accused person's house when the alleged incident took place.

A 66-year-old man was charged with the rape and attempted rape of a 14-year-old girl from his village while in another incident, 21-year-old man was charged with the rape of a 9-year-old boy from his village.

There was one incident where a 32-year-old man was charged with abduction with intent to have carnal knowledge and defilement of a 14-year-old girl while in another incident, a 21-year-old man was charged with abduction with intent to have carnal knowledge of his 17-year-old girlfriend.

A 39-year-old man was charged with the rape and indecent assault of an 18-year-old woman. The alleged incident took place after a drinking party.

A 20-year-old man was charged with the rape and sexual assault of a 26-year-old woman from his village. The accused allegedly entered the victim's bedroom whilst she was sleeping with her de facto partner.

Six cases were withdrawn after discontinuances (*Nolle Prosequi*) were filed due to inconsistent evidence, false complaints and inability to locate victims.

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



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	Rape	Attempted rape	Assault with intent to commit rape	Abduction with intent to have carnal knowledge	Indecent Assault	Defilement	Sexual Assault	Total
No. of Counts	49	1	1	6	5	2	9	73
Total No. of Victims	25	1	1	3	4	2	7	29*
No. of Victims under 18 years	12	1	0	3	2	2	2	16*
Total No. of Accused Persons	28	1	3	3	4	2	8	32*
No. of Accused Persons under 18 years	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
No. of <i>Nolle Prosequi</i> filed	5	0	0	0	0	1	1	6*
No. of incidents involving people in domestic relationships or relatives	14	0	0	0	3	0	6	14*
No. of False Complaints	3	0	0	0	0	0	1	3*

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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