



ODPP MEDIA UPDATE

ODPP Rape and Sexual Offences Statistics – June 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 20 people charged with a total of 47 counts of separate incidents in June. The offences were rape (32), defilement (2), indecent assault (4) and sexual assault (9).

Of the 20 people charged, two were 17-year-old boys who were charged with four counts of rape of their 13-year-old cousin.

There were 18 victims of whom 10 victims were under the age of 18 years.

There were 13 incidents where the victims and the accused were related to one another.

A 34-year-old man was charged with the rape of his 3-year-old stepdaughter while in another incident, a 49-year-old man was charged with the rape and assault causing actual bodily harm to his 12-year-old stepdaughter. **(NB: *The offence of assault causing actual bodily harm is recorded separately*).**

In another incident, a 55-year-old man was charged with the rape of his daughter.

A 71-year-old man was charged with the rape of his 12-year-old grandniece while in another incident, a 63-year-old man was charged with the rape and sexual assault of his 15-year-old niece.

There was one incident where a 62-year-old man was charged with six counts of rape and two counts of sexual assault of his 12-year-old great-grandniece.

A 27-year-old man was charged with the rape of his 26-year-old cousin. The alleged incident took place when the victim was unconscious after a drinking party.

In another incident, a 19-year-old man was charged with the rape and sexual assault of his 8-year-old cousin.

A 69-year-old man was charged with the rape of his 64-year-old former de facto partner, however, this matter was discontinued due to insufficient evidence.

A 49-year-old man was charged with the rape of his 43-year-old wife, however, this matter was discontinued after the victim admitted to making a false statement.

In another incident, a 38-year-old man was charged with four counts of rape, one count of sexual assault, one count of criminal intimidation and one count of assault causing actual bodily harm to his 34-year-old wife. **(NB: *The offence of assault causing actual bodily harm and criminal intimidation is recorded separately*).**

There was one incident where a 44-year-old man was charged with two counts of rape, three counts of indecent assault and three counts of sexual assault of his 17-year-old sister-in-law.

A 70-year-old pastor was charged with two counts of rape and one count of indecent assault of his 25-year-old housekeeper.

There was one incident where a 27-year-old man and a 28-year-old man were charged with the rape of a 39-year-old woman. The accused persons and the victim were family friends.

A 24-year-old man was charged with the defilement of a 14-year-old girl while in another incident, a 48-year-old man was charged with the defilement of a 13-year-old girl.

A 44-year-old man was charged with the rape of a 49-year-old woman, however, this matter was discontinued due to insufficient evidence.

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



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	Rape	Defilement	Indecent Assault	Sexual Assault	Total
No. of Counts	32	2	4	9	47
Total No. of Victims	16	2	2	5	18*
No. of Victims under 18 years	8	2	1	4	10*
Total No. of Accused Persons	18	2	2	5	20*
No. of Accused Persons under 18 years	2	0	0	0	2
No. of <i>Nolle Prosequi</i> filed	3	0	0	0	3
No. of incidents involving people in domestic relationships or relatives	13	0	1	4	13*
No. of False Complaints	1	0	0	0	1

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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