



ODPP MEDIA UPDATE

ODPP Rape and Sexual Offences Statistics – December 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 14 people charged with a total of 41 counts of sexual offences in December. The offences were rape (30) defilement (1) and sexual assault (10).

There were 14 victims of whom seven victims were under the age of 18 years. There were three male victims and 11 female victims.

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

A 56-year-old man was charged with two representative counts of rape and one count of sexual assault of his 12-year-old grandniece.

There was one incident where a 35-year-old man was charged with five counts of rape and one count of sexual assault of his 14-year-old stepdaughter.

A 29-year-old man was charged with four counts of rape of his 17-year-old niece while in another incident, a 38-year-old man was charged with the rape of his 17-year-old cousin.

A 20-year-old man was charged with the rape of his 10-year-old cousin while in another incident, a 23-year-old man was charged with the rape and sexual assault of his 18-year-old cousin.

There was one incident where a 35-year-old man was charged with the rape of his 29-year-old wife.

A 22-year-old man was charged with four counts of rape of a 22-year-old woman. The accused was a friend of the victim's husband.

There was one incident where a 60-year-old man was charged with the rape of a 63-year-old woman whom the accused met through Facebook on the pretext of owning a flat which the victim could rent.

A 19-year-old man was charged with the rape of a 20-year-old woman. The accused and the victim were university students.

An 18-year-old man was charged with the rape and sexual assault of a 16-year-old boy from his school.

There was one incident where a 55-year-old man was charged with five counts of rape and five counts of sexual assault of an 18-year-old man and a 16-year-old boy from his village.

There was one incident where a 27-year-old man was charged with the defilement of a 14-year-old girl.

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



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	Rape	Indecent assault	Defilement	Sexual assault	Total
No. of Counts	30	0	1	10	41
Total No. of Victims	13	0	1	6	14*
No. of Victims under 18 years	7	0	1	4	8*
Total No. of Accused Persons	13	0	1	6	14*
No. of Accused Persons under 18 years	0	0	0	0	0
No. of <i>Nolle Prosequi</i> filed	0	0	0	0	0
No. of incidents involving people in domestic relationships or relatives	7	0	0	3	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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