



ODPP MEDIA UPDATE

ODPP Rape and Sexual Offences Statistics – January 2023

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 26 people charged with a total of 75 counts of sexual offences in January. The offences were rape (49), assault with intent to commit rape (1), indecent assault (2) and sexual assault (23).

Of the 26 accused persons, four were juveniles.

There were 26 victims of whom 22 victims were under the age of 18 years. There were two male victims and 24 female victims.

There were 17 incidents where the victims and the accused were related to one another.

A 14-year-old boy was charged with three counts of rape and one count of sexual assault of a 4-year-old girl. The accused was the victim's neighbour.

In another incident, a 14-year-old boy was charged with the rape of his 5-year-old stepsister.

A 15-year-old boy was charged with the rape of his 6-year-old niece while in another incident, a 15-year-old boy was charged with the rape of his 9-year-old cousin.

A 63-year-old man was charged with the rape of his 6-year-old granddaughter while in another incident, a 76-year-old man was charged with the rape of his 16-year-old grandniece.

There was one incident where a 42-year-old man was charged with four counts of rape, three counts of sexual assault and two counts of indecent assault of his 12-year-old and 14-year-old stepdaughters.

A 52-year-old man was charged with the rape and sexual assault of his 14-year-old stepdaughter while in another incident, a 42-year-old man was charged with the rape of his 16-year-old stepdaughter.

In another incident, a 34-year-old man was charged with three counts of rape of his 12-year-old stepdaughter.

There was one incident where a 40-year-old man was charged with five counts of rape, one count of assault with intent to commit rape and one count of sexual assault of his 4-year-old niece.

A 54-year-old man was charged with the rape and sexual assault of his 8-year-old niece while in another incident, a 24-year-old man was charged with the rape of his 7-year-old niece.

There was one incident where a 23-year-old man and a 27-year-old man were charged with the rape of a 15-year-old girl. The victim was the niece of the 23-year-old man.

There was one incident where a 21-year-old man was charged with two counts of rape and five counts of sexual assault of his 12-year-old cousin.

A 23-year-old man was charged with eight counts of rape and four counts of sexual assault of his 16-year-old cousin.

There was one incident where a 40-year-old man was charged with the rape and sexual assault of his 19-year-old sister-in-law.

There was one incident where a 56-year-old man was charged with the rape and sexual assault of a 12-year-old boy. The accused was the caretaker at the victim's school.

In another incident, a 48-year-old man was charged with the rape of a 16-year-old boy from his village.

A 23-year-old man was charged with the rape of a 21-year-old woman whilst she was drunk.

In another incident, a 23-year-old man was charged with the rape of a 28-year-old woman after a drinking party.

There was one incident where a 47-year-old man was charged with the sexual assault of a 49-year-old woman. The accused allegedly exposed himself through a video call.

Two cases were withdrawn after discontinuances (*Nolle Prosequi*) were filed due to insufficient evidence.

Refer to the table entitled *ODPP Rape and Sexual Offences January 2023* for a break-down of these statistics.



ODPP Rape and Sexual Offences Statistics January 2023

	Rape	Assault with intent to commit rape	Indecent Assault	Sexual assault	Total
No. of Counts	49	1	2	23	75
Total No. of Victims	24	1	2	12	26*
No. of Victims under 18 years	21	1	2	10	22*
Total No. of Accused Persons	24	1	1	11	26*
No. of Accused Persons under 18 years	3	0	0	2	4*
No. of <i>Nolle Prosequi</i> filed	2	0	0	0	2
No. of incidents involving people in domestic relationships or relatives	16	1	1	8	17*
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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