



ODPP MEDIA UPDATE

ODPP Rape and Sexual Offences Statistics – May 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 39 people charged with a total of 95 counts of sexual offences in May. The counts for sexual offences were rape (52), attempted rape (1), abduction with intent to have carnal knowledge (1), defilement (11) indecent assault (7) and sexual assault (23).

Of the 39 accused persons, one was a juvenile.

There were 31 victims of whom 20 victims were under the age of 18 years. There were 30 female victims and one male victim.

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

A 14-year-old boy was charged with four counts of rape and seven counts of sexual assault of an 11-year-old girl.

A 63-year-old man was charged with three counts of rape, three counts of sexual assault and one count of indecent assault of his 16-year-old stepdaughter while in another incident, a 42-year-old man was charged with the rape and sexual assault of his 9-year-old stepdaughter.

There was one incident where a 67-year-old man was charged with the rape and sexual assault of his 12-year-old grandniece.

A 53-year-old man was charged with the rape, sexual assault and indecent assault of his 17-year-old niece while in another incident, a 32-year-old man was charged with the rape of his 16-year-old nephew.

There was one incident where a 22-year-old man was charged with the rape, attempted rape and sexual assault of his 12-year-old niece while in another incident, a 26 year-old man was charged with the rape and sexual assault of his 12-year-old niece.

A 32-year-old man was charged with the rape, sexual assault and indecent assault of his 16-year-old niece, however, this matter was discontinued due to insufficient evidence.

A 26-year-old man was charged with the rape of his 15-year-old niece while in another incident, an 18-year-old man was charged with the rape of his 16-year-old cousin.

There was one incident where a 30-year-old man was charged with the indecent assault, defilement and sexual assault of his 13-year-old cousin while in another incident, an 18-year-old man was charged with the rape of his 12-year-old cousin.

A 33-year-old man was charged with the rape of his 31-year-old wife while in another incident, a 37-year-old man was charged with the rape of his 37-year-old de facto partner.

There was one incident where a 42-year-old man was charged with the rape and sexual assault of his 55-year-old de facto partner. The accused was also charged with assault causing actual bodily harm. **((NB: *The offence of assault causing actual bodily harm is recorded separately*)).**

In another incident, a 42-year-old man was charged with the rape and assault causing actual bodily harm to his 29-year-old de facto partner. **((NB: *The offence of assault causing actual bodily harm is recorded separately*)).**

There was one incident where a 40-year-old man was charged with the rape and sexual assault of his 41-year-old sister-in-law.

A 34-year-old man was charged with the defilement of a 14-year-old girl while in another incident, a 42-year-old man was charged with the defilement of a 15-year-old girl.

A 23-year-old man was charged with the rape and abduction with intent to have carnal knowledge of a 15-year-old girl.

There was one incident where nine men were charged with the rape of a 17-year-old, however, this matter was discontinued due to insufficient evidence.

Six cases were withdrawn after discontinuances (*Nolle Prosequi*) were filed due to insufficient evidence and victim admitting to making a false complaint.

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



ODPP Rape and Sexual Offences Statistics May 2023

	Rape	Attempted Rape	Abduction with intent to have carnal knowledge	Defilement	Indecent Assault	Sexual assault	Total
No. of Counts	52	1	1	11	7	23	95
Total No. of Victims	27	1	1	4	5	12	31*
No. of Victims under 18 years	17	1	1	4	4	9	20*
Total No. of Accused Persons	35	1	1	4	5	12	39*
No. of Accused Persons under 18 years	1	0	0	0	0	1	1*
No. of <i>Nolle Prosequi</i> filed	6	0	0	0	2	1	6*
No. of incidents involving people in domestic relationships or relatives	16	1	0	1	4	10	17*
No. of False Complaints	1	0	0	0	1	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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