



## ODPP MEDIA UPDATE

### ODPP Rape and Sexual Offences Statistics – July 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 28 people charged with a total of 69 counts of sexual offences in July. The counts for sexual offences were rape (51), attempted rape (1), indecent assault (4) and sexual assault (13).

Of the 28 accused persons, one was a juvenile.

There were 27 victims of whom 19 victims were under the age of 18 years. There were two male victims and 25 female victims.

There were 16 incidents where the victims and the accused were related to one another.

A 47-year-old man was charged with the rape and sexual assault of his 18-year-old daughter.

In another incident, a 37-year-old man was charged with the rape and sexual assault of his 16-year-old daughter, however, this matter was discontinued after the victim could not be located.

A 41-year-old man was charged with the rape of his 24-year-old stepdaughter while in another incident, a 33-year-old man was charged with the rape and indecent assault of his 8-year-old stepdaughter.

In another incident, a 49-year-old man was charged with the rape and sexual assault of his 11-year-old stepdaughter.

There was one incident where a 20-year-old man was charged with the rape of his 16-year-old sister, however, this matter was discontinued after the victim admitted to making a false complaint.

A 17-year-old boy was charged with the rape of his 9-year-old cousin while in another incident, an 18-year-old man was charged with the rape and indecent assault of his 17-year-old cousin.

A 37-year-old man was charged with the rape of his 13-year-old cousin while in another incident, a 25-year-old man was charged with the rape of his 14-year-old cousin.

In another incident, a 35-year-old man was charged with the rape of his 12-year-old cousin.

A 35-year-old man was charged with the rape of his 11-year-old sister-in-law while in another incident, a 23-year-old man was charged with the rape of his 15-year-old niece.

There was one incident where a 39-year-old man was charged with four counts of rape, one count of attempted rape and one count of criminal intimidation of his 15-year-old niece. **(NB: The offence of criminal intimidation is recorded separately).**

A 42-year-old man was charged with the rape of his 12-year-old niece, however, this matter was discontinued due to a false complaint.

There was one incident of marital rape where a 33-year-old man was charged with the rape of his 31-year-old wife, however, this matter was discontinued due to a false complaint.

There was one incident where a 27-year-old man was charged with two counts of rape and five counts of sexual assault of an 8-year-old boy and a 9-year-old boy.

A 27-year-old man was charged with the rape of a 60-year-old woman. The accused was also charged with the theft of the victim's mobile phone. **(NB: The offence of theft is recorded separately).**

There was one incident where a 21-year-old man, a 22-year-old man and a 27-year-old man were charged with four counts of rape of a 16-year-old girl. The accused persons were also charged with the wrongful confinement and breach of bail conditions. **(NB: The offences of wrongful confinement and breach of bail conditions is recorded separately).**

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

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



### ODPP Rape and Sexual Offences Statistics July 2023

	Rape	Attempted Rape	Indecent Assault	Sexual assault	Total
No. of Counts	51	1	4	13	69
Total No. of Victims	27	1	4	8	27*
No. of Victims under 18 years	19	1	2	6	19*
Total No. of Accused Persons	28	1	4	7	28*
No. of Accused Persons under 18 years	1	0	0	0	1
No. of <i>Nolle Prosequi</i> filed	6	0	1	1	6*
No. of incidents involving people in domestic relationships or relatives	15	1	2	4	16*
No. of False Complaints	3	0	0	0	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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