



## ODPP MEDIA UPDATE

### ODPP Rape and Sexual Offences Statistics – October 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 22 people charged with a total of 56 counts of sexual offences in October. The counts for sexual offences were rape (33), attempted rape (2), abduction with intent to commit rape (1), indecent assault (8) and sexual assault (12).

Of the 22 accused persons, five were juveniles.

There were 22 victims of whom 14 victims were under the age of 18 years. There were three male victims and 19 female victims

There were 11 incidents where the victims and the accused were related to one another.

A 14-year-old boy was charged with the rape of his 2-year-old and 3-year-old nephews.

There was one incident where two 16-year-old boys and a 17-year-old boy was charged with the rape and sexual assault of an 8-year-old boy.

In another incident, a 17-year-old boy was charged with the rape of a 13-year-old girl from his village.

A 61-year-old man was charged with the rape and indecent assault of his 5-year-old granddaughter. The accused was also charged with the sexual assault of his 29-year-old daughter-in-law.

There was one incident where a 64-year-old man was charged with one representative count of rape of his 33-year-old daughter while in another incident, a 36-year-old man was charged with the rape, indecent assault and sexual assault of his 10-year-old daughter.

A 57-year-old man was charged with the indecent assault of his 16-year-old stepdaughter while in another incident, a 51-year-old man was charged with the rape of his 13-year-old stepdaughter.

A 27-year-old man was charged with the rape and indecent assault of his 15-year-old niece.

There was one incident where a 35-year-old man was charged with the rape of his 34-year-old wife while in another incident, a 40-year-old man was charged with the rape and attempted rape of his 27-year-old de facto partner.

A 45-year-old man was charged with the rape and sexual assault of his 47-year-old de factor partner. The accused was also charged with assault causing actual bodily harm and breach of DVRO. **(NB: *The offence of assault causing actual bodily harm and breach of DVRO are recorded separately*).**

There was one incident where a 55-year-old man was charged with the rape and indecent assault of a 22-year-old woman. The accused was the victim's guardian.

A 49-year-old man was charged with the rape, abduction with intent to commit rape, indecent assault and sexual assault of a 15-year-old girl.

There was one incident where a 29-year-old man was charged with child stealing and one count of rape of a 4-yearold girl. **(NB: *The offence of child stealing is recorded separately*).**

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

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



## ODPP Rape and Sexual Offences Statistics October 2023

	Rape	Attempted Rape	Abduction with intent to commit rape	Indecent Assault	Sexual assault	Total
No. of Counts	33	2	1	8	12	56
Total No. of Victims	21	2	1	6	7	22*
No. of Victims under 18 years	13	1	1	5	4	14*
Total No. of Accused Persons	21	2	1	6	7	22*
No. of Accused Persons under 18 years	5	1	0	0	2	5*
No. of <i>Nolle Prosequi</i> filed	2	0	0	0	0	2
No. of incidents involving people in domestic relationships or relatives	10	1	0	4	4	11*
No. of False Complaints	0	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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