



## ODPP MEDIA UPDATE

### ODPP Rape and Sexual Offences Statistics – November 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 29 people charged with a total of 60 counts of sexual offences in November. The counts for sexual offences were rape (44), attempted rape (4), abduction with intent to commit rape (1), assault with intent to commit rape (1), pornographic activities involving juveniles (1), indecent assault (1) and sexual assault (8).

Of the 29 people charged, there was one female accused person while 28 accused persons were male.

There were 27 victims of whom 11 victims were under the age of 18 years. There were 26 female victims and one male victim.

There were 12 incidents where the victims and the accused were related to one another.

A 19-year-old woman was charged with the abduction, rape and sexual assault of a 16-year-old girl.

A 19-year-old man was charged with the rape of his 14-year-old nephew.

A 35-year-old man was charged with the rape of his 15-year-old niece while in another incident, a 22-year-old man was charged with the rape of his 12-year-old niece.

There was one incident where a 35-year-old man was charged with the rape and assault with intent to commit rape of his 28-year-old wife. The accused was also charged with the breach of domestic violence restraining order.

A 26-year-old man was charged with the rape and assault causing actual bodily harm to his 23-year-old wife. **(NB: The offence of assault causing actual bodily harm is recorded separately).**

A 43-year-old man was charged with the rape of his 35-year-old wife while in another incident, a 32-year-old man was charged with the rape of his 33-year-old de facto partner.

There was one incident where a 40-year-old man was charged with the rape and attempted rape of his 27-year-old de facto partner.

There was one incident where a 48-year-old man was charged with the rape of his 57-year-old cousin.

In another incident, a 20-year-old man was charged with the sexual assault of his 13-year-old cousin.

A 23-year-old man was charged with the rape of his 21-year-old de facto partner while in another incident, a 36-year-old man was charged with the rape of his 12-year-old niece, however, both the matters were discontinued due to a false complaint and insufficient evidence.

There was one incident where a 57-year-old man was charged with four counts of rape, one count of sexual assault and one count of pornographic activities involving juvenile. The accused allegedly raped a 14-year-old girl and recorded pornographic activities involving the victim.

There was one incident where a 48-year-old man was charged with the rape, attempted rape, sexual assault and assault causing actual bodily harm to a 12-year-old girl from his village. **(NB: The offence of assault causing actual bodily harm is recorded separately).**

A 22-year-old man and a 23-year-old man were charged with the rape, attempted rape and assault causing actual bodily harm to a 19-year-old woman. **(NB: The offence of assault causing actual bodily harm is recorded separately).**

A 63-year-old man was charged with the rape of a 19-year-old woman. The accused person is the father of the victim's boyfriend.

There was one incident where a 21-year-old man was charged with the rape of his 20-year-old girlfriend.

Seven cases were withdrawn after discontinuances (*Nolle Prosequi*) were filed due to insufficient evidence, false complaint and the death of an accused person.

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



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	Rape	Attempted Rape	Abduction with intent to commit rape	Assault with intent to commit rape	Pornographic Activities involving juveniles	Indecent Assault	Sexual assault	Total
No. of Counts	44	4	1	1	1	1	8	60
Total No. of Victims	25	3	1	1	1	1	6	27*
No. of Victims under 18 years	10	2	1	0	1	1	5	11*
Total No. of Accused Persons	27	3	1	1	1	1	6	29*
No. of Accused Persons under 18 years	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
No. of <i>Nolle Prosequi</i> filed	7	0	0	0	0	1	0	7*
No. of incidents involving people in domestic relationships or relatives	10	1	0	0	0	0	2	12*
No. of False Complaints	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	2
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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