



## ODPP MEDIA UPDATE

### ODPP Rape and Sexual Offences Statistics – December 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 9 people charged with a total of 44 counts of sexual offences in December. The counts for sexual offences were rape (37), indecent assault (4) and sexual assault (3).

Of the 9 people charged, two were juveniles.

There were 10 victims of whom five victims were under the age of 18 years. There were eight female victims and two male victims.

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

A 16-year-old old boy was charged with the rape and sexual assault of his 30-year-old cousin.

In another incident, a 16-year-old boy was charged with the rape and indecent assault of a 10-year-old girl from his village.

A 32-year-old man was charged with 18 counts of rape of his 13-year-old stepdaughter.

A 43-year-old man was charged with rape, indecent assault and sexual assault of his 13-year-old nephew.

In another incident, a 46-year-old man was charged with the rape and indecent assault of his 13-year-old and 10-year-old nieces.

A 27-year-old man was charged with the rape of his 26-year-old de facto partner.

There was one incident where a 25-year-old man was charged with the rape and sexual assault of an 18-year-old man. The accused person was also charged with one count of theft for allegedly stealing the victim's mobile phone. **(NB: The offence of theft is recorded separately).**

In another incident, a 62-year-old man was charged with the rape of a 42-year-old woman.

One case was withdrawn after a discontinuance (*Nolle Prosequi*) was filed due to insufficient and inconsistent evidence.

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



### ODPP Rape and Sexual Offences Statistics December 2023

	Rape	Indecent assault	Defilement	Sexual Assault	Total
No. of Counts	37	4	0	3	44
Total No. of Victims	10	4	0	3	10*
No. of Victims under 18 years	5	4	0	1	5*
Total No. of Accused Persons	9	4	0	3	9*
No. of Accused Persons under 18 years	2	1	0	1	2*
No. of <i>Nolle Prosequi</i> filed	1	1	0	0	1*
No. of incidents involving people in domestic relationships or relatives	5	2	0	2	5*
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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