



ODPP MEDIA UPDATE

ODPP Rape and Sexual Offences Statistics – January 2024

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 18 people charged with a total of 36 counts of sexual offences in January. The counts for sexual offences were rape (25), attempted rape (1), abduction with intent to commit rape (1), indecent assault (3), defilement (1) and sexual assault (5).

Of the 18 people charged, one was a juvenile.

A 15-year-old boy was charged with the rape and sexual assault of an 8-year-old girl.

There were 13 victims of whom 10 victims were under the age of 18 years.

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

A 22-year-old man was charged with the rape of his 14-year-old niece.

There was one incident where a 30-year-old man was charged with the rape of his 13-year-old sister-in-law.

A 27-year-old man was charged with the rape of his 17-year-old cousin.

There was one incident where a 44-year-old man was charged with the rape, indecent assault and sexual assault of his de facto partner's 18-year-old daughter, however, this matter was discontinued after the victim could not be located or contacted.

There was one incident where a 38-year-old man, a 36-year-old man and a 30-year-old man were charged with the rape of a 39-year-old woman. The first and second accused person were charged with one count each of rape of their cousin while the third accused person who is the nephew of the victim was charged with three counts of rape.

A 20-year-old man was charged with the rape, abduction with intent to commit rape and defilement of a 14-year-old girl. The accused person was known to the victim's family.

There was one incident where four men were charged with the rape of a 12-year-old girl.

A 19-year-old man was charged with the rape of a 15-year-old girl.

A 20-year-old man was charged with the rape of a 16-year-old while in another incident, a 48-year-old was charged with the rape of a 17-year-old girl.

Three cases was withdrawn after discontinuances (*Nolle Prosequi*) was filed after the victims could not be located or contacted and insufficient evidence.

Refer to the table entitled *ODPP Rape and Sexual Offences January 2024* for a break-down of these statistics.



ODPP Rape and Sexual Offences Statistics January 2024

	Rape	Attempted Rape	Abduction with intent to commit rape	Indecent assault	Defilement	Sexual Assault	Total
No. of Counts	25	1	1	3	1	5	36*
Total No. of Victims	13	1	1	1	1	3	13*
No. of Victims under 18 years	10	0	1	0	1	2	10*
Total No. of Accused Persons	18	1	1	1	1	3	18*
No. of Accused Persons under 18 years	1	0	0	0	0	1	1*
No. of <i>Nolle Prosequi</i> filed	3	1	0	1	0	1	3*
No. of incidents involving people in domestic relationships or relatives	5	0	0	1	0	1	5*
No. of False Complaints	0	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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