



ODPP MEDIA UPDATE

ODPP Rape and Sexual Offences Statistics – February 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 30 people charged with a total of 69 counts of sexual offences in February. The counts for sexual offences were rape (47), attempted rape (4), assault with intent to commit rape (1), indecent assault (4), incest by relative (2), defilement (1) and sexual assault (10).

Of the 30 people charged, there were three juveniles and two female accused.

There were 30 victims of whom 20 victims were under the age of 18 years.

There were 19 incidents where the victims and the accused were related to one another.

A 14-year-old boy was charged with the rape of his 3-year-old niece while in another incident a 16-year-old boy was charged with the rape of his 7-year-old niece.

In another incident, a 16-year-old boy was charged with the rape of his 5-year-old cousin.

A 52-year-old man was charged with the rape of his 9-year-old grandniece.

A 46-year-old woman was charged with the rape and sexual assault of her 9-year-old daughter, while in another incident a 30-year-old woman was charged with the rape of a 4-year-old girl. However both the matters were discontinued due to insufficient evidence and to allow police to conduct further investigation in these matters.

There was one incident where a 40-year-old man was charged with the rape and sexual assault of his 12-year-old stepdaughter while in another incident, a 36-year-old man was charged with one representative count of rape of his 15-year-old stepdaughter.

A 19-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 and sexual assault of his 17-year-old cousin.

A 48-year-old man was charged with the rape and sexual assault of his 12-year-old niece while in another incident, 52-year-old man was charged with the rape and sexual assault of his 15-year-old niece.

There was one incident where a 29-year-old man was charged with the rape of his 15-year-old cousin while in another incident, a 37-year-old man was charged with the rape of his 37-year-old cousin.

A 45-year-old man was charged with the rape, indecent assault and sexual assault of his 21-year-old cousin while in another incident, a 42-year-old man was charged with the rape of his 28-year-old ex-wife.

In another incident, a 22-year-old man was charged with the rape of his 21-year-old de facto partner.

There was one incident where a 23-year-old man was charged with two counts of incest. The accused person allegedly had carnal knowledge with his 15-year-old stepsister whilst knowing that they were related to one another.

There was one incident where a 45-year-old man was charged with five counts of rape, one count of assault with intent to commit rape and one count of rape of his 22-year-old sister-in-law. The accused person allegedly committed the offence in 2011 when the victim was under 13-year-olds.

An 80-year-old man was charged with the rape of a 9-year-old girl from his village while in another incident, a 33-year-old man was charged with the rape and assault causing actual bodily harm to a 46-year-old woman. **(NB: The offence of assault causing actual bodily harm is recorded separately).**


There was one incident where 33-year-old man was charged with the attempted rape, aggravated robbery and wrongful confinement of a 42-year-old woman. The accused person is allegedly charged for attempting to rape the victim, stealing the victim's mobile phone and \$580 cash and wrongfully confining her in her taxi. **(NB: The offence of aggravated robbery and wrongful confinement is recorded separately).**

A 30-year-old man was charged with the attempted rape and rape of a 21-year-old woman while in another incident, a 26-year-old man was charged with the attempted rape of a 26-year-old woman.

In another incident, a 40-year-old man was charged with one representative count of rape and one representative count of defilement of a 14-year-old girl.

Five cases was withdrawn after discontinuances (*Nolle Prosequi*) were filed due to insufficient evidence and false complaints.

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

 ODPP Rape and Sexual Offences Statistics February 2024								
	Rape	Attempted Rape	Assault with intent to commit rape	Indecent assault	Incest by relative	Defilement	Sexual Assault	Total
No. of Counts	47	4	1	4	2	1	10	69*
Total No. of Victims	27	4	1	3	1	1	7	30*
No. of Victims under 18 years	19	0	0	2	1	1	6	20*
Total No. of Accused Persons	27	4	1	3	1	1	7	30*
No. of Accused Persons under 18 years	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	3
No. of <i>Nolle Prosequi</i> filed	5	0	0	0	0	0	1	5*
No. of incidents involving people in domestic relationships or relatives	17	1	1	1	1	0	7	19*
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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