



ODPP MEDIA UPDATE

ODPP Rape and Sexual Offences Statistics – March 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 21 people charged with a total of 39 counts of sexual offences in March. The counts for sexual offences were rape (26), attempted rape (1), indecent assault (5), defilement (1) and sexual assault (6).

Of the 21 people charged, one was a juvenile.

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

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

A 17-year-old boy was charged with the rape of a 14-year-old girl, however, this matter was discontinued due to insufficient evidence.

A 77-year-old man was charged with the rape of his 18-year-old niece while in another incident, a 62-year-old man was charged with the rape of his 60-year-old sister-in-law.

There was one incident where a 38-year-old man was charged with the rape, indecent assault and assault causing actual bodily harm to his 15-year-old stepdaughter. **(NB: *The offence of assault causing actual bodily harm is recorded separately*).**

A 56-year-old man was charged with the rape and indecent assault of his 10-year-old niece while in another incident, a 64-year-old man was charged with the rape, indecent assault and sexual assault of his 20-year-old niece.

There was one incident where a 20-year-old man was charged with the rape of his 17-year-old niece, however, this matter was discontinued due to insufficient evidence.

There was one incident where a 28-year-old man was charged with the rape of his 7-year-old cousin while in another incident, a 25-year-old man was charged with the rape of his 19-year-old wife.

A 39-year-old man was charged with the rape of his 33-year-old de facto partner, however, this matter was discontinued due to insufficient evidence.

A 50-year-old man was charged with the rape, criminal intimidation and assault causing actual bodily harm to his 40-year-old de facto partner. **(NB: *The offence of assault causing actual bodily harm and criminal intimidation is recorded separately*).**

In another incident, a 22-year-old man was charged with the rape and assault causing actual bodily harm to his 23-year-old de facto partner. **(NB: *The offence of assault causing actual bodily harm is recorded separately*).**

A 19-year-old man was charged with the defilement of a 16-year-old girl while in another incident, a 27-year-old man was charged with the rape of a 24-year-old woman.

A 58-year-old man was charged with the rape of a 15-year-old girl while in another incident, a 29-year-old man was charged with the rape of a 22-year-old woman from his village.

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

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



ODPP Rape and Sexual Offences Statistics March 2024

	Rape	Attempted Rape	Indecent assault	Defilement	Sexual Assault	Total
No. of Counts	26	1	5	1	6	39
Total No. of Victims	19	1	3	1	4	20*
No. of Victims under 18 years	6	0	2	1	1	7*
Total No. of Accused Persons	20	1	3	1	4	21*
No. of Accused Persons under 18 years	1	0	0	0	0	1
No. of <i>Nolle Prosequi</i> filed	6	0	0	0	3	6*
No. of incidents involving people in domestic relationships or relatives	11	1	3	0	1	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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