



ODPP MEDIA UPDATE

ODPP Rape and Sexual Offences Statistics – April 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 24 people charged with a total of 82 counts of sexual offences in April. The counts for sexual offences were rape (53), indecent assault (8) and sexual assault (21).

Of the 24 accused persons, three were juveniles, one was a police officer and one was a female accused person.

There were 25 victims of whom 15 victims were under the age of 18 years.

There were 16 incidents where the victims and the accused were related to one another.

A 27-year-old police officer was charged with four counts of rape, one count of sexual assault and one count of indecent assault of his 26-year-old colleague.

A 20-year-old woman was charged with the rape and sexual assault of a 17-year-old girl.

There was one incident where two 16-year-old boys were charged with the rape and sexual assault of their 13-year-old cousin.

A 17-year-old boy was charged with the rape and sexual assault of his 6-year-old niece while in another incident, a 17-year-old boy was charged with the rape of his 17-year-old cousin.

A 48-year-old man was charged with 13 counts of rape and six counts of sexual assault of his 20-year-old daughter. The alleged incident started from 2019 when the victim was 15-years-old.

A 38-year-old man was charged with the rape of his 4-year-old stepdaughter, however, this matter was discontinued after the complainant could not be conferenced by the ODPP to prepare her for trial because of the mother's obtrusive conduct.

In another incident, a 48-year-old man was charged with the rape and indecent assault of his 18-year-old and 14-year-old daughters.

There was one incident where a 33-year-old man was charged with three counts of rape, five counts of sexual assault and three counts of indecent assault of his 15-year-old stepdaughter.

There was one incident where a 41-year-old man was charged with the rape of his 24-year-old stepdaughter while in another incident, a 38-year-old man was charged with the rape of his 17-

year-old cousin, however both these matters were discontinued after the complainants could not be located.

A 46-year-old man was charged with the rape, sexual assault and indecent assault of his 18-year-old niece while in another incident, a 50-year-old man was charged with the rape of his 10-year-old niece.

A 52-year-old man was charged with the rape of his 21-year-old niece while in another incident, a 27-year-old man was charged with the rape of his 23-year-old niece.

There was one incident where a 46-year-old man was charged with the rape and indecent assault of his 13-year-old and 10-year-old nieces.

In another incident, a 21-year-old man was charged with the rape and sexual assault of his 17-year-old niece, however, this matter was discontinued due to insufficient evidence.

A 64-year-old man was charged with the rape and sexual assault of his 61-year-old ex-wife.

A 40-year-old man was charged with the rape of a 10-year-old girl while in another incident, a 26-year-old man was charged with the rape of a 16-year-old girl.

There was one incident where a 58-year-old man was charged with the rape of a 15-year-old girl, however, this matter was withdrawn after the victim admitted to making a false complaint.

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



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	Rape	Indecent assault	Defilement	Sexual Assault	Total
No. of Counts	53	8	0	21	82
Total No. of Victims	25	7	0	9	25*
No. of Victims under 18 years	15	3	0	5	15*
Total No. of Accused Persons	24	5	0	10	24*
No. of Accused Persons under 18 years	3	0	0	3	3*
No. of <i>Nolle Prosequi</i> filed	6	0	0	1	6*
No. of incidents involving people in domestic relationships or relatives	16	4	0	7	16*
No. of False Complaints	1	0	0	0	1

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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