

ODPP MEDIA UPDATE

ODPP Rape and Sexual Offences Statistics – June 2021

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 seven people charged with a total of 14 counts of separate incidents in June. The offences were rape (13) and attempted rape (1).

There were seven victims of whom two victims were under the age of 18 years. There were six female victims and one male victim.

Of the seven people charged, two were juveniles.

There were three incidents where the victim and the accused were related to one another.

A 15-year-old boy was charged with two counts of rape of his 8-year-old sister-in-law.

In another incident, a 16-year-old boy was charged with the attempted rape and rape of his 19-year-old cousin.

A 34-year-old man was charged with the rape of his 47-year-old de facto partner.

There was one incident where a 29-year-old man was charged with four counts of rape of a 12-year-old boy.

A 54-year-old man was charged with three counts of rape of a 34-year-old woman. The alleged incident occurred after a drinking party.

There was one incident where a 24-year-old man was charged with the rape of a 21-year-old woman who was a passenger in his taxi.

A 27-year-old man was charged with the rape of a 20-year-old woman.

Refer to the table entitled *ODPP Rape and Sexual Offences June 2021* for a break-down of these statistics.



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	Rape	Attempted rape	Indecent assault	Sexual Assault	Total
No. of Counts	13	1	0	0	14
Total No. of Victims	7	1	0	0	7*
No. of Victims under 18 years	2	0	0	0	2
Total No. of Accused Persons	7	1	0	0	7*
No. of Accused Persons under 18 years	2	1	0	0	2*
No. of <i>Nolle</i> Prosequi filed	0	0	0	0	0
No. of incidents involving people in domestic relationships or relatives	3	1	0	0	3*
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.