



## ODPP MEDIA UPDATE

### ODPP Rape and Sexual Offences Statistics – June 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 15 people charged with a total of 32 counts of sexual offences in June. The counts for sexual offences consist of rape (21), attempted rape (2), indecent assault (4), defilement (1), and sexual assault (4).

Of the 15 accused persons, two were juveniles.

There were 15 victims of whom 10 victims were under the age of 18 years. There was one male victim and 14 female victims.

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

A 15-year-old boy was charged with the rape and attempted rape of a 5-year-old girl while in another incident, a 13-year-old boy was charged with the rape of a 12-year-old boy.

A 40-year-old man was charged with the rape of his 19-year-old niece while in another incident, a 33-year-old man was charged with the rape of his 15-year-old niece.

There was one incident where a 59-year-old man was charged with the rape and sexual assault of his 15-year-old niece.

In another incident, a 42-year-old man was charged with the rape and indecent assault of his 14-year-old niece.

There was one incident where a 43-year-old man was charged with the rape of his 14-year-old niece, however, this matter was discontinued after the death of the accused person.

A 42-year-old man was charged with the rape of his 42-year-old wife, however, this matter was discontinued due to insufficient evidence.

There was one incident where a 79-year-old man was charged with the rape and indecent assault of a 13-year-old girl.

A 20-year-old man was charged with the rape of an 11-year-old girl while in another incident, a 38-year-old man was charged with the rape and indecent assault of a 13-year-old girl from his village.

There was one incident where an 18-year-old man was charged with the defilement of a 14-year-old girl.

Four cases were discontinued after discontinuances (*Nolle Prosequi*) were filed due to insufficient and inconsistent evidence, victims could not be contacted or located and the death of an accused person.

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



### ODPP Rape and Sexual Offences Statistics June 2024

	Rape	Attempted Rape	Indecent assault	Defilement	Sexual Assault	Total
No. of Counts	21	2	4	1	4	32
Total No. of Victims	14	1	3	1	3	15*
No. of Victims under 18 years	9	1	3	1	2	10*
Total No. of Accused Persons	14	1	3	1	3	15*
No. of Accused Persons under 18 years	2	1	0	0	0	2*
No. of <i>Nolle Prosequi</i> filed	4	0	0	0	2	4*
No. of incidents involving people in domestic relationships or relatives	6	0	1	0	2	6*
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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