



ODPP MEDIA UPDATE

ODPP Rape and Sexual Offences Statistics – January 2025

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 11 counts of sexual offences in January. The counts for sexual offences were rape (7), indecent assault (1), and sexual assault (3).

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

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

A 36-year-old man was charged with the rape of his 18-year-old daughter, however, this matter was discontinued due to insufficient evidence.

A 54-year-old man was charged with the rape of his 47-year-old wife, however, this matter was discontinued after the victim could not be located or contacted.

There was one incident where an 18-year-old man was charged with the rape and sexual assault of his 13-year-old nephew.

In another incident, a 23-year-old man was charged with the rape and sexual assault of his 32-year-old cousin sister while in another incident, a 25-year-old man was charged with the rape of his 15-year-old cousin sister.

Three cases were withdrawn after discontinuances (*Nolle Prosequi*) were filed due to insufficient evidence and victim could not be located or contacted.

Refer to the table entitled *ODPP Rape and Sexual Offences January 2025* for a break-down of these statistics.



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

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