



## ODPP MEDIA UPDATE

### ODPP Rape and Sexual Offences Statistics – November 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 23 people charged with a total of 52 counts of sexual offences in November. The counts of sexual offences include rape (37), abduction with intent to commit rape (1), indecent assault (3), defilement (3) and sexual assault (8).

Of the 23 accused persons, two were juveniles.

There were 22 victims of whom 16 victims were under the age of 18 years. There was one male victim and 21 female victims.

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

A 16-year-old boy was charged with the rape of a 6-year-old girl from his village while in another incident, a 17-year-old boy was charged with the rape of a 5-year-old girl from his village.

A 63-year-old man was charged with two counts of rape of a 13-year-old boy from his village.

A 75-year-old man was charged with the rape, sexual assault and indecent assault of his 14-year-old step-granddaughter while in another incident, a 42-year-old man was charged with two counts of rape and two counts of sexual assault of his 10-year-old step-granddaughter.

There was one incident where a 53-year-old man was charged with nine representative counts of rape of his 28-year-old stepdaughter.

A 30-year-old man was charged with the rape of his 3-year-old niece while in another incident, a 41-year-old man was charged with the rape of his 6-year-old niece.

There was one incident where a 24-year-old man was charged with the rape of his 16-year-old cousin.

In another incident, a 19-year-old man was charged with the rape of his 8-year-old stepsister.

A 19-year-old man was charged with two counts of defilement of a 15-year-old girl while in another incident, a 19-year-old man was charged with one count of defilement of a 12-year-old girl.

There was one incident where a 28-year-old man was charged with the rape of a 12-year-old girl. The accused and the victim were neighbours at the time of the incident.

A 38-year-old man was charged with the rape and assault causing actual bodily harm to a 41-year-old woman. **(NB: *The offence of assault causing actual bodily harm is recorded separately*).**

A 24-year-old man was charged with five counts of rape of a 23-year-old woman while in another incident, a 22-year-old man was charged with the rape of a 17-year-old girl.

Six cases were discontinued after discontinuances (*Nolle Prosequi*) were filed due to insufficient evidence, false complaints and the death of an accused person.

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



## ODPP Rape and Sexual Offences Statistics November 2024

	Rape	Abduction with intent to commit rape	Indecent Assault	Defilement	Sexual Assault	Total
No. of Counts	37	1	3	3	8	52*
Total No. of Victims	20	1	3	2	5	22*
No. of Victims under 18 years	14	1	1	2	4	16*
Total No. of Accused Persons	21	2	3	2	4	23*
No. of Accused Persons under 18 years	2	0	0	0	0	2
No. of incidents involving people in domestic relationships or relatives	9	1	1	0	4	9*
No. of <i>Nolle Prosequi</i> filed	6	1	2	0	1	6*
No. of False Complaints	3	0	1	0	0	3*
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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