



ODPP MEDIA UPDATE

ODPP Rape and Sexual Offences Statistics – October 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 16 people charged with a total of 44 counts of sexual offences in October. The counts of sexual offences include rape (27), assault with intent to commit rape (1), indecent assault (4) and sexual assault (12).

Of the 16 accused persons, one was a juvenile and two were police officers.

There were 18 victims of whom 10 victims were under the age of 18 years. There was one male victim and 17 female victims.

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

A 16-year-old boy was charged with the rape of his 5-year-old cousin brother.

A 52-year-old police officer was charged with the sexual assault of a 47-year-old woman while in another incident, a 51-year-old police officer was charged with the indecent assault of a 23-year-old female police officer.

There was one incident where a 40-year-old man was charged with six representative counts of rape, two representative counts of sexual assault and two representative counts of indecent assault of his 9-year-old and 7-year-old daughters.

In another incident a 42-year-old man was charged with two counts of rape of his 16-year-old stepdaughter.

A 49-year-old man was charged with one count of rape, four counts of sexual assault and one count of indecent assault of his 13-year-old niece while in another incident, a 50-year-old man was charged with the rape of his 31-year-old niece.

In another incident, a 30-year-old man was charged with two counts of rape and one count of sexual assault of his 16-year-old and 13-year-old nieces.

There were two separate incidents where a 44-year-old man and a 32-year-old man were charged with the rape and sexual assault of their de facto partners, however, both matters were discontinued due to inconsistency evidence and victims unwillingness to come forth and give evidence.

A 22-year-old man was charged with the rape of a 6-year-old girl while in another incident, a 34-year-old man was charged with the rape of a 9-year-old girl from his village.

Five cases were discontinued after discontinuances (*Nolle Prosequi*) were filed due to insufficient evidence, false complaints and victims unwillingness to come and give evidence during trial.

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



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	Rape	Assault to commit rae	Indecent Assault	Sexual Assault	Total
No. of Counts	27	1	4	12	44
Total No. of Victims	16	1	4	8	18*
No. of Victims under 18 years	10	1	3	4	10*
Total No. of Accused Persons	14	1	3	7	16*
No. of Accused Persons under 18 years	1	0	0	0	1
No. of incidents involving people in domestic relationships or relatives	8	0	2	4	8*
No. of <i>Nolle Prosequi</i> filed	5	1	0	2	5*
No. of False Complaints	2	0	0	1	2*

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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