



## ODPP MEDIA UPDATE

### ODPP Rape and Sexual Offences Statistics – September 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 10 people charged with a total of 25 counts of sexual offences in September. The counts of sexual offences include rape (16), attempted rape (2), indecent assault (2) and sexual assault (5).

There were 10 victims of whom eight victims were under the age of 18 years. There were two male victims and eight female victims.

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

There was one incident where a 45-year-old man was charged with the rape of his 16-year-old stepdaughter, however, this matter was discontinued due to insufficient evidence.

A 28-year-old man was charged with the rape of his 5-year-old niece while in another incident, a 29-year-old man was charged with two counts of rape and one count of sexual assault of his 15-year-old niece.

A 46-year-old man was charged with two counts of rape of his 41-year-old wife.

There was one incident where a 20-year-old man was charged with four counts of rape, one count of attempted rape, two counts of indecent assault and one count of sexual assault of his 17-year-old cousin.

A 20-year-old man was charged with the rape of his 10-year-old male cousin while in another incident, a 25-year-old man was charged with the rape and sexual assault of a 14-year-old boy.

There was one incident where a 29-year-old man was charged with the attempted rape and sexual assault of a 14-year-old girl from his village while in another incident, a 20-year-old man was charged with the rape of an 11-year-old girl from his village.

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

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



## ODPP Rape and Sexual Offences Statistics September 2024

	Rape	Attempted Rape	Indecent Assault	Sexual Assault	Total
No. of Counts	16	2	2	5	25
Total No. of Victims	9	2	1	4	10*
No. of Victims under 18 years	7	2	1	4	8*
Total No. of Accused Persons	9	2	1	4	10*
No. of Accused Persons under 18 years	0	0	0	0	0
No. of incidents involving people in domestic relationships or relatives	6	1	1	2	6*
No. of <i>Nolle Prosequi</i> filed	2	0	0	0	2
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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