



## ODPP MEDIA UPDATE

### ODPP Rape and Sexual Offences Statistics – March 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.

#### **Cases**

There were 16 indictments (*Information*) filed in the High Court with a total of 32 counts of sexual offences in March. The counts for sexual offences were rape (25), and sexual assault (7).

#### **Accused and Victims**

There were 18 accused persons charged with a total of 32 counts of sexual offences.

There were 19 victims of whom eight victims were under the age of 18 years. There were 15 female victims and three male victim.

#### **Domestic Incidents**

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

There was one incident where a 38-year-old man was charged with the rape of his 13-year-old daughter.

A 35-year-old man was charged with the rape and sexual assault of his 10-year-old and 11-year-old nieces while in another incident, 34-year-old man was charged with the rape and sexual assault of his 17-year-old niece.

A 37-year-old man was charged with the rape of his 24-year-old sister-in-law while in another incident, a 20-year-old man was charged with the rape of his 27-year-old sister-in-law.

#### **Other Incidents**

There was one incident where a 37-year-old man was charged with the rape of a 14-year-old boy and a 15-year-old boy.

In another incident, a 42-year-old man was charged with three counts of rape and three counts of sexual assault of an 18-year-old man. The accused was the caretaker of the victim's estate.

There was one incident where two 19-year-old men and an 18-year old man were charged with the rape of a 15-year-old girl.

A 34-year-old man was charged with the sexual assault of a 22-year-old and a 26-year-old woman.

### **Nolle Prosequi**

One case was withdrawn after a discontinuance (Nolle Prosequi) was filed due to insufficient evidence.

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



### ODPP Rape and Sexual Offences Statistics March 2025

	Rape	Indecent assault	Defilement	Sexual Assault	Total
No. of Counts	25	0	0	7	32
Total No. of Victims	17	0	0	5	19*
No. of Victims under 18 years	7	0	0	3	8*
Total No. of Accused Persons	17	0	0	4	18*
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	1	0	0	0	1
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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