



## ODPP MEDIA UPDATE

### ODPP Rape and Sexual Offences Statistics – April 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 10 indictments (*Information*) filed in the High Court with a total of 23 counts of sexual offences in April. The counts for sexual offences were rape (15), aiding and abetting rape (1), indecent assault (1), defilement (1) and sexual assault (5).

#### **Accused and Victims**

There were 11 accused persons charged with a total of 23 counts of sexual offences. Of the 11 accused persons, two were juveniles.

There were 11 victims of whom eight victims were under the age of 18 years. There were nine female victims and two male victim.

#### **Domestic Incidents**

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

There was one incident where a 28-year-old man was charged with the rape, sexual assault and indecent assault of his 12-year-old and 15-year-old stepdaughters.

In another incident, a 37-year-old man was charged with the rape of his 15-year-old niece. The victim's aunt was also charged with one count of aiding and abetting rape.

A 60-year-old man was charged with the rape of his 16-year-old niece.

A 12-year-old boy was charged with the rape of his 6-year-old cousin.

#### **Other Incidents**

A 17-year-old boy was charged with the defilement of a 14-year-old girl.

There was one incident where a 27-year-old man was charged with the rape of a 19-year-old man. The alleged incident took place when the victim was 7-years-old and the accused was 15-year-old.

A 26-year-old man was charged with the rape and sexual assault of a 5-year-old boy while in another incident, a 29-year-old man was charged with the rape and sexual assault of a 23-year-old woman.

A 24-year-old man was charged with the rape and sexual assault of a 17-year-old girl while in another incident, a 46-year-old man was charged with the rape of a 30-year-old woman.

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



### ODPP Rape and Sexual Offences Statistics April 2025

	Rape	Aiding and abetting rape	Indecent assault	Defilement	Sexual Assault	Total
No. of Counts	15	1	1	1	5	23
Total No. of Victims	10	1	1	1	5	11*
No. of Victims under 18 years	7	1	1	1	4	8*
Total No. of Accused Persons	10	2	1	1	4	11*
No. of Accused Persons under 18 years	2	0	0	0	0	2
No. of incidents involving people in domestic relationships or relatives	4	1	1	0	1	4*
No. of <i>Nolle Prosequi</i> filed	0	0	0	0	0	0
No. of False Complaints	0	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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