



ODPP MEDIA UPDATE

ODPP Rape and Sexual Offences Statistics – May 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 30 counts of sexual offences in May. The counts for sexual offences were rape (17), indecent assault (2), defilement (2) and sexual assault (9).

Accused and Victims

There were 10 accused persons charged with a total of 30 counts of sexual offences. Of the 10 accused persons, two were juveniles.

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

Domestic Incidents

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

There was one incident where a 16-year-old boy was charged with six counts of rape of his 9-year-old nephew.

A 14-year-old boy was charged with two counts of rape of his 12-year-old sister.

A 30-year-old man was charged with the rape of his 12-year-old niece while in another incident, a 25-year-old man was charged with the rape of his 15-year-old cousin.

There was one incident where a 52-year-old man was charged with two counts of indecent assault, eight counts of sexual assault and two counts of rape of his 18-year-old niece.

A 40-year-old man was charged with one count of sexual assault and three counts of acts with intent to cause grievous harm to his 40-year-old wife. (***NB: The offence of acts with intent to cause grievous harm is recorded separately.***)

In another incident, a 27-year-old man was charged with the rape of his 36-year-old de facto partner.

Other Incidents

A 66-year-old man was charged with the rape of a 15-year-old boy while in another incident, a 20-year-old man was charged with the rape of a 28-year-old woman.

A 37-year-old man was charged with two counts of defilement of a 15-year-old girl.

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



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	Rape	Indecent assault	Defilement	Sexual Assault	Total
No. of Counts	17	2	2	9	30
Total No. of Victims	8	1	1	2	10*
No. of Victims under 18 years	5	0	1	0	6
Total No. of Accused Persons	8	1	1	2	10*
No. of Accused Persons under 18 years	2	0	0	0	2
No. of incidents involving people in domestic relationships or relatives	6	1	0	2	7*
No. of <i>Nolle Prosequi</i> filed	0	0	0	0	0
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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