



ODPP MEDIA UPDATE

ODPP Rape and Sexual Offences Statistics – April 2026

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 17 indictments (*Information*) filed in the High Court with a total of 59 counts of sexual offences in April 2026.

Counts of offences

There were 49 counts rape, three counts of indecent assault, and seven counts of sexual assault.

Accused and Victims

There were 20 accused persons charged with 59 counts of sexual offences. Of the 20 accused persons, three were juveniles.

There were 18 victims of whom 10 victims were under the age of 18 years. There were 16 female victims and two male victims.

Juvenile

A 16-year-old boy was charged with the rape of a 5-year-old boy. The alleged offending happened in 2021. This matter was discontinued by way of *Nolle Prosequi* after the victim experienced difficulty recalling the incident, and the parents expressed concerns about re-traumatising their child through the trial process. **The State has referred this matter for counselling at this stage, reserving the right to reinstate or refile the charges should new evidence come to light.**

In another incident, two 17-year-old boys and two 21-year-old men were charged with multiple counts of rape and sexual assault of a 7-year-old boy. The accused persons were charged with 11 representative counts of rape and three representative counts of sexual assault. The alleged offending occurred on separate occasions between 2018 and 2023. The accused persons were initially charged separately, but the matters have since been consolidated as the offending relates to the same victim.

Domestic Incidents

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

A 34-year-old man was charged six counts of rape of his 10-year-old stepdaughter.

A 57-year-old man was charged with multiple counts of rape of his three nieces. The accused is charged with six counts of rape of his 13-year-old niece, six counts of rape of his 11-year-old niece and one count of rape of his 7-year-old niece. The alleged offending took place on separate occasions between 2024 and 2025.

In another incident, a 45-year-old man was charged with the rape of his 39-year-old wife. The accused person is also charged with assault causing actual bodily harm and criminal intimidation **(NB: *The offences of assault causing actual bodily harm and criminal intimidation is recorded separately*).**

There was one incident where a 43-year-old man was charged with one count of rape and one count of indecent assault of his 38-year-old sister-in-law.

In another incident, a 43-year-old man was charged with the rape of his 19-year-old sister-in-law however, this matter was discontinued (*Nolle Prosequi*) after the victim could not be located or contacted during court proceedings.

Other incidents

There was one incident where a 32-year-old man was charged with one count of child stealing and one count of rape of a 4-year-old girl in 2023. This matter was discontinued by way of *Nolle Prosequi* to allow for the child to undergo counselling. **The State has referred this matter for counselling at this stage and would reconsider reinstating the charges later.**

A 21-year-old man was charged with the rape and indecent assault of a 16-year-old girl while in another incident, a 42-year-old man was charged with the rape of a 16-year-old girl. In both the matters, the accused persons are known to the victims' families.

In another incident, a 30-year-old man was charged with the rape and sexual assault of a 12-year-old girl from his village.

There was one incident where a 39-year-old man was charged with the rape of a 20-year-old woman. The accused was also charged with one count of aggravated robbery for allegedly stealing the victim's mobile phone and speaker from the victim's house. **(NB: *The offence of robbery is recorded separately*).**

There was one incident where a 33-year-old taxi driver was charged with the rape of a 24-year-old woman. The alleged offence occurred last year when the victim had hired the taxi to take her home from the city, during which the accused allegedly committed the offence

Nolle Prosequi

Five cases were discontinued after *Nolle Prosequi* were filed due to insufficient evidence, unavailability of victims to give evidence during trial dates victims inability to recall incidents.

Refer to the table entitled *ODPP Rape and Sexual Offences April 2026* for a break-down of these statistics.



ODPP Rape and Sexual Offences Statistics April 2026

	Rape	Indecent assault	Defilement	Sexual Assault	Total
No. of Counts	49	3	0	7	59
Total No. of Victims	18	3	0	4	18*
No. of Victims under 18 years	10	1	0	2	10*
Total No. of Accused Persons	20	3	0	5	20*
No. of Accused Persons under 18 years	3	0	0	0	3
No. of incidents involving people in domestic relationships or relatives	4	1	0	0	4*
No. of <i>Nolle Prosequi</i> filed	5	0	0	1	5*
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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