



ODPP MEDIA UPDATE

ODPP Rape and Sexual Offences Statistics – August 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 13 indictments (*Information*) filed in the High Court with a total of 39 counts of sexual offences in August 2026.

Counts of offences

There were 25 counts rape, one count of attempted rape, two counts of aiding and abetting rape, two counts of defilement, three counts of indecent assault and six counts of sexual assault.

Accused and Victims

There were 17 accused persons charged with 39 counts of sexual offences. Of the 17 accused persons, two were juveniles.

There were 13 victims of whom six victims were under the age of 18 years.

Domestic Incidents

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

A 50-year-old man was charged with three counts of rape, two counts of sexual assault, one count of indecent assault and two counts of defilement of his stepdaughter. The alleged incident took place from 2016 to 2020 when the victim was 11-years-old.

In another incident, a 69-year-old man was charged with the sexual assault of his granddaughter. The alleged incident took place in 2019 when the victim was 5-year-old, however, this matter was discontinued due to insufficient evidence.

A 40-year-old man was charged with the rape and sexual assault of his 9-year-old niece, while in another incident, a 25-year-old man was charged with five counts of rape, one count of indecent assault and one count of criminally intimidating his 18-year-old niece. ***(NB: The offence of criminal intimidation is recorded separately).***

A 20-year-old man was charged with one count of rape and one count of indecent assault of his 15-year-old cousin, while in another incident, a 51-year-old man was charged with two counts of rape of his 17-year-old cousin.

Juveniles

There was one incident where a 15-year-old and a 16-year-old boy together with two 19-year-old boys were charged with two counts of rape, one count of indecent assault and two counts of aiding and abetting rape. This matter was discontinued after the unrelated death of the 22-year-old victim.

Other incidents

A 26-year-old national footballer was charged with four counts of rape and one count of assault causing actual bodily harm to his 26-year-old girlfriend.

A 30-year-old man was charged with the rape of a 21-year-old woman, while in another incident, a 41-year-old man was charged with the rape of a 42-year-old woman.

In another incident, a 36-year-old man was charged with two counts of rape, one count of attempted rape, one count of sexual assault and one count of criminal intimidating a 10-year-old girl.

Nolle Prosequi

Two cases were discontinued after *Nolle Prosequi* were filed due to insufficient evidence and death of victim.

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

 ODPP Rape and Sexual Offences Statistics August 2026							
	Rape	Attempted rape	Aiding and abetting rape	Defilement	Indecent assault	Sexual Assault	Total
No. of Counts	25	1	2	2	3	6	39
Total No. of Victims	12	1	1	1	3	5	13*
No. of Victims under 18 years	5	1	0	1	2	4	6*
Total No. of Accused Persons	16	1	2	1	3	5	17*
No. of Accused Persons under 18 years	2	0	0	0	0	0	2
No. of incidents involving people in domestic relationships or relatives	5	0	0	1	2	5	6*
No. of <i>Nolle Prosequi</i> filed	1	0	1	0	1	1	2*
No. of False Complaints	0	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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