

Cape Argus
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USED BEACH FOR WHITES: ACQUITTED

The Argus Special Representative

SIMONSTOWN, Thursday.

A SIMONSTOWN magistrate, Mr. J. C. Nel, today acquitted a Coloured woman charged with using a beach set aside for Whites only.

The magistrate found Monica Davids (20) of 48 Chester Road, Woodstock, not guilty on the grounds that the notice boards on the beach were inadequate.

The State alleged that on December 28 last year Davids, in the company of other Coloured people were found bathing at Boulders Beach, Simonstown.

In 1963 Boulders was set aside by the Simonstown Town Council as a beach for Whites only.

NOTICE BOARDS

Davids said she did not know that the particular cove that she had occupied was reserved for Whites only. No notice boards could be seen at the entrance to the beach she used nor could she see the notice board from the place she occupied on the beach.

After an inspection in loco, the magistrate said that Boulders was a strange beach and that the notice boards did not indicate that the whole area was reserved for Whites only.

Mr. Nel, however, warned Davids that a new notice board had recently been erected by the Simonstown Municipal council indicating that the whole area around Boulders Beach was for Whites only. He said that in future non-Europeans found in this area would be prosecuted.

Charges against five other Coloured people were withdrawn.

Mr. T. J. Visser appeared for the State.