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Jury chosen for Tolofane rape trial

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Jury selection was completed yesterday for the trial of David Tolofane, the South African accused of raping a woman near the UC-Santa Cruz campus last September.

The seven-woman, five-man jury was picked after a three-day selection process in which 31 prospective jurors were dismissed.

There was controversy over the arrest of Tolofane, who had been studying at the UCSC Farm and Garden Project for six months.

Tolofane's friends say the fact that he is black is being used against him, as it was in South Africa.

Women's groups say Tolofane's supporters want special consideration for him because of where he comes from.

Testimony is expected to begin Tuesday and last one to two weeks.

During a preliminary hearing last fall, the victim identified Tolofane as her attacker. The defense contends it is a case of mistaken identity.