

Federal judge orders release of Chelsea Manning



Falls Church, March 12 (RHC)-- A federal judge on Thursday ordered the release of former Army intelligence analyst Chelsea Manning, ending roughly a year of incarceration that she had served for refusing to testify to a grand jury.

A.P. reports that U.S. District Judge Anthony Trenga ordered Manning's release from jail after prosecutors reported that the grand jury that subpoenaed her has disbanded.

The Alexandria sheriff's office confirmed Thursday night that Manning had been released.

The judge left in place more than \$256,000 in fines he imposed for her refusal to testify to the grand jury, which is investigating WikiLeaks. The fines had been accumulating at a rate of \$1,000 a day.

Manning's legal statement asked for privacy and said they were relieved at her release. On Wednesday, her lawyers said she had attempted suicide while at the jail.

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