

# *Whistleblower Chelsea Manning Spared Indefinite Solitary After Outcry*

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Leavenworth, August 19 (RHC)-- Imprisoned U.S. Army whistleblower Chelsea Manning has been spared the punishment of indefinite solitary confinement after more than 100,000 people signed a petition calling on military prison authorities to drop the charges of possession of unauthorized reading material and other minor infractions.

Manning had been called before the disciplinary panel at the military prison at Fort Leavenworth for having an expired tube of toothpaste, an issue of *Vanity Fair* in which trans-gender celebrity Caitlyn Jenner describes her new life living openly as a woman, the U.S. Senate report on torture and other "prohibited property."

On Tuesday, a panel ruled that Manning did have unapproved reading material. Her punishment is 21 days of restricted recreational activities, including no access to a gym, a library or the outdoors.

Manning is serving a 35-year sentence for leaking U.S. government cables to WikiLeaks.

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