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SUBJECT: FINAL ARREST UPDATE: AMANDA MARIE KNOX

1. NAME: KNOX, Amanda Marie

24. REMARKS: As reported by media outlets on October 3, 2011, the appellate court in Perugia overturned the prior murder conviction of Amanda Knox due to insufficient evidence. Jurors upheld her prior defamation conviction, increasing the initial one year sentence to a sentence of three years and damages of 22,000 Euro. As Amanda has already served four years in prison, the Court credited three years of that time towards meeting the defamation sentence, thus making her eligible for immediate release.

Following the trial, Ms. Knox was escorted back to Le Capanne prison for outprocessing and release. Prison officials told ConAsst that she received her belongings and her valid U.S. passport, then left at 11:10 PM in a private car to an undisclosed location near Rome for the night. Despite erroneous reports in the press, Ms. Knox and her family did not/not come to Embassy Rome for any consular services.

Ms. Knox's attorney, Carlo Dalla Vedova informed ConAsst that Ms. Knox and her family arrived at Rome's Fiumicino (FCO) airport this morning and were escorted to her departure gate by Italian police from a secondary entrance. Ms. Knox and her family then departed FCO around 11:00 a.m. en route to London's Heathrow (LHR) airport. She will be assisted during her layover by LHR authorities upon landing at 1:30 p.m. GMT. DHS London will confirm wheels-up for Seattle around 3:15 p.m. GMT.

With the verdict of Oct. 3 overturning Amanda Knox's prior conviction, her immediate release from prison, and her subsequent departure from Italy today, Post considers this case closed.
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