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The Jury Frees Mrs. Thoresen

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With a gentle smile but no laughter, Louise Thoresen was free yesterday after a jury acquitted her of murdering her husband, William E. Thoresen III.

"Oh Mama, oh Daddy," she whispered to her parents when the jury came in at 3:55 a.m., ending deliberations that had started at 5 p.m. on Thursday.

On hand were her attorneys and several well-wishers including Joe Hinojosa, who the prosecution had maintained was her lover prior to the June 10 shooting. Mrs. Thoresen and Hinojosa formally shook hands

across a wooden railing separating them and then she was escorted away.

Several hours later she was released on \$1000 bail from gun charges pending against her in New York, stemming from seizure of an arms shipment consigned to her late husband. Her attorneys say they will fight the charges.

Mrs. Thoresen, appearing at a press conference in the offices of her attorneys after she was released, announced she will leave for Chicago to rejoin her 8-year-old son, Michael, who has been staying with friends.

She said that almost six months in jail taught her that perhaps everyone should go to jail — for a little while anyway — to savor the experience.

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She said that she had not made any real plans for the future. "It's going to be fun to have nothing to do," she said in a whisper.

Later, perhaps she will return to Arizona where, she had testified, she had once known happiness with her husband. "I like the sunshine," she said, blinking into the harsh lights of the television cameras.

"But today I'm going out and have a good meal."

Far from being broke, as some sources had indicated

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