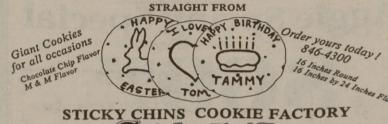


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### 'We screwed up': prison calls back released inmate

DALLAS (AP) — A man mistakenly released from a prison sentence for the drunken driving killing of a police officer prepared Tuesday to go back behind bars, his attorney

Through a series of errors, Dale Ross Looper, 33, of Hunt County, was released two years ago after serving only 10 months of a 10-year sentence for an involuntary manslaughter conviction stemming from 1982 traffic accident that killed Lyndon Fred King in Grand Prairie.

Prosecutors and defense lawyers agreed that the man will surrender in Walker County and be transferred to the nearby Texas Department of Corrections in Huntsville, said Pete Lesser, one of Looper's at-

'I think the whole situation is unfortunate," said Lesser. "But I don't think it was done by malice.

Authorities issued a warrant for Looper's arrest when officials discovered that he had not served at least 3 1/3 years of the sentence.

Looper said he has stayed out of trouble during the time he has been out of prison.

"I can't go through it again," said Looper, who has worked as a mechanic and planned to open a gas station. "There won't be anything left of me for them to take to

Lesser said he believes Looper is close to being eligible for parole because he is entitled to the time that he would have served had he not been released.

Looper struck King with his vehicle while the officer was investigating a traffic accident, according to investigators. Looper, who had two previous DWI convictions, was intoxicated and driving with a sus-pended license at the time of the accident, police said.

Two weeks after the April invol-untary manslaughter trial, Looper pleaded guilty to an unrelated DWI charge and was sentenced to three years in prison.

Because the first case was still pending, state prison officials were unaware of its 10-year sentence and kept him only for the minimum time for the three-year DWI sentence.

"All I can say is that we screwed up," said Maj. Bob Knowles, the county's deputy detentions com-

Parole records indicate that Looper told the parole board about his longer sentence. The error was discovered when a state appeals court upheld the involuntary manslaughter conviction and sent notification to county officials.

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# Aggie brings string of credentials to new post as Air Force secretary

By Dawn Butz Reporter

One of the latest bumper stickers

being sported on Aggie cars reads: "What do you call an Aggie after 5 Add a few more years and a lot of hard work and you may be secretary

of the Air Force, at least if you're Edward C. "Pete" Aldridge Jr., Class of Formerly undersecretary of the Air Force, Aldridge was nominated April 8 to his new position by Presi-

dent Reagan.

Aldridge, who has served as un-dersecretary since 1981, will replace Russell A. Rourke, who resigned statement following the

White House announcement, Aldridge said, "I will . . . ensure that the Air Force's combat capabilities now and in the future — will meet any challenge. With the support of the president, the secretary of defense, the Congress and the American people, I know we will achieve

Aldridge was scheduled as a payload specialist for a secret military flight in March on the space shuttle Discovery. The cancelled flight would have been the first space shut-



Edward C. "Pete" Aldridge Jr.

tle scheduled to blast off from the West Coast military launch facility at andenberg Air Force Base, Calif. Born in Houston Aug. 18, 1938,

Aldridge grew up in Shreveport, La. While at A&M he was a member

of Corps Squadron 7.
From A&M Aldridge went to the Georgia Institute of Technology, where he earned a master of science degree in aeronautical engineering

Before joining the Department of Defense in 1967, Aldridge held various staff and management positions in the Douglas Aircraft Co. in Santa Monica, Calif., and in Wash-

In 1967 he joined the staff of the and conventional forces and assistant secretary of defense for sys-

tems analysis as an operation search analyst and then served rector of the Strategic Del Division until July 1972. served as an adviser to the Stra Arms Limitation Talks in He and Vienna.

He re-entered private indus 1972 as a senior manager with Aerospace Corp. in Dallas. In 1973 he was named i

management associate in the

of Management and Budget Aldridge returned to the R ment of Defense in February deputy assistant secretary of for strategic programs. The March 1976 he was selected in of planning and evaluation.

As director of planning an uation Aldridge was princi viser to the secretary of defer the planning and program a tion of U.S. military forces and

port structure.
In March 1977 he was name president, National Policy and egic Systems Group, System ning Corp., Arlington, Va. sponsibilities included coord of the corporation's study and range strategic planning.

