

EXCLUSIVE: Convicted Felon Released By Mistake By Corrections Facility In Milwaukee
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A convicted Milwaukee felon facing new charges for illegally possessing a firearm was released by "mistake" September 20 from the state Corrections facility in Milwaukee. He is at large and a warrant has been issued for his arrest.

The state Department of Corrections acknowledged the foul-up in a statement released Friday but the Milwaukee media, to this point, has essentially ignored the story. The man's name is Aaron Eugene Baker and he was being held at the Milwaukee Secure Detention Facility. Sources say another inmate with the same last name was scheduled to be released on the September 20. Somehow, the wrong Baker was let loose.

DOC officials say they are investigating the screw-up and will have no further comment. Aaron Baker was bound over for trial on the weapons charge September 9 and has been held since that time at the Detention Facility. It is located at 10th and State and overlooks the freeway. Most of the inmates held there are on parole or supervision violation holds. At the time of his weapons charge, Baker was on supervision after his release after serving several years in prison on drug selling charges.

There was a cooperating witness in his most recent arrest and law enforcement sources tell me steps are being taken to protect her.

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