Prison Term Is Ended For Ex-Gulf Oil Official

TULSA, Okla. (UPI)—A Federal judge as ordered te end of a one-year prison term given to a retired Gulf Oil Company official who admitted lying to the Watergate grand jury.

United States District Court Judge H. Dale Cook ordered an end to the prison term given to William C. Viglia, 72 years old, of Tulsa, one month before the former Gulf controller would have been eligible for parole.

Judge Cook said that he had received letters from high officials in the Securities and Exchange Commission and the United States Customs Service attesting to Mr. Viglia's "fullest cooperation." The judge said that the sentence reduction was approved by Watergate Special Prosecutor Charles Ruff.

"The facts whic ahve surfaced indicate that this defendant simply did not respect the purpose of te grand jury," Judge Cook wrote in his order.

Mr. Viglia, who worked for Gulf from 1959 until his retirement in 1973, admitted that he had lied to the grand jury during its investigation of Guf campaign contributions, although he had been given immunity from prosecution.