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Former Synagro consultant Rayford Jackson set to start five-year prison stint for bribery

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Rayford Jackson, one of the key people implicated in the Synagro Technologies sludge deal, is expected to start a five-year prison sentence on Tuesday for his role in the scandal, according to the [Detroit Free Press](#) and [The Detroit News](#).

Jackson admitted last fall that he arranged more than \$6,000 in bribes for Monica Conyers in order to help Synagro win support a sludge-hauling contract in 2007 when she served on the Detroit City Council. U.S. District Judge Avern Cohn gave Jackson the maximum sentence allowed for a bribery case, but said his sentence could be reviewed in a year if Jackson cooperates with a continuing FBI investigation into corruption at Detroit City Hall.

Conyers is scheduled to be sentenced on March 10 for her role in the Synagro scandal, after she pleaded guilty to bribery charges in June. **James Rosendall**, a former Synagro executive who approved bribes for Conyers, was sentenced to 11 months in prison for his role in the scandal after he cooperated with the FBI.

The federal Bureau of Prisons has not said where Jackson will serve his sentence, according to the News and Freep.

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