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**Event: Guilty Plea**

**Defendant: Rayford Jackson**

**DETROIT CONSULTANT PLEADS GUILTY TO CONSPIRACY TO COMMIT  
BRIBERY RELATED TO SYNAGRO CONTRACT**

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Rayford Jackson, 44, of Detroit, pleaded guilty today to one count of conspiracy to commit bribery before United States District Judge Avern Cohn, United States Attorney Terrence Berg announced today.

Berg was joined in the announcement by Andrew G. Arena, Special Agent In Charge of the Detroit Field Office of the Federal Bureau of Investigation and Maurice Aouate, Special Agent in Charge of the Detroit Field Office of the Internal Revenue Service.

Jackson worked as a paid consultant for Synagro Technologies, and his duties included facilitating the Detroit City Council's approval of a sludge hauling contract.

The charge carries a maximum sentence of 5 years in federal prison and a fine of up to \$250,000.

The investigation of this case was conducted by the Federal Bureau of Investigation and the

Internal Revenue Service. The case is being prosecuted by Assistant U.S. Attorney R. Michael Bullotta and Assistant U.S. Attorney Mark D. Chutkow.