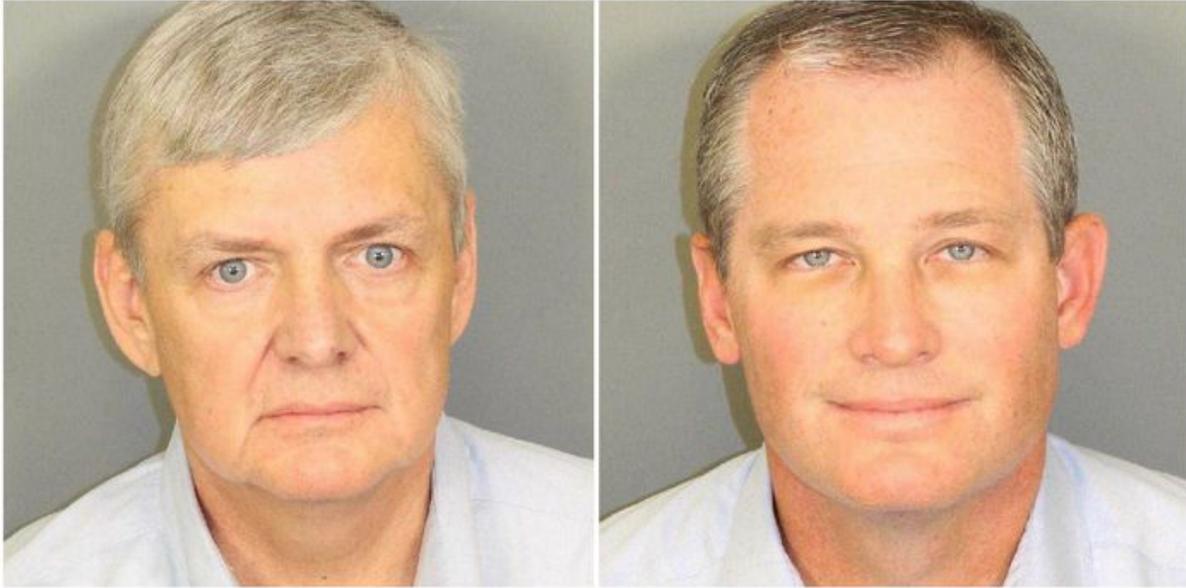


EPA administrator, former environmental commissioner booked into jail

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Scott Phillips (left) and Trey Glenn (right) were each booked into jail Thursday morning on ethics violations.

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An Environmental Protection Agency administrator and a former Alabama Environmental Management commissioner who were recently indicted on ethics charges turned themselves into the sheriff's office early Thursday.

Region 4 administrator of the EPA [Trey Glenn](#) and former commissioner Scott Phillips were booked into the Jefferson County Jail on Thursday and released on bond. Glenn was booked into the jail at 6:18 a.m. and released at 7:31 a.m., while Phillips was booked in at 6:45 a.m. and released at 7:35. Both posted bonds of \$30,000 each.

Court records do not show any initial appearances have been set.

Glenn and Phillips co-owned a company called Southeast Engineering and Consulting that worked with law firm Balch & Bingham and its client Drummond Company to fight the EPA efforts to test and clean up soil in north Birmingham neighborhoods and in the city of Tarrant from 2014 through 2017, records show. They provided consulting at the same time Phillips served on the environmental commission.

The men are charged with multiple violations of Alabama's Ethics Act, including soliciting a thing of value from a principal, lobbyist or subordinate, and receiving money in addition that received in one's official capacity.

Under Alabama ethics law, it is illegal for a lobbyist or a lobbyist's client, called a principal, to give a public official a thing of value, including a job.



Trump's southeast regional EPA administrator indicted on Alabama ethics charges

This summer, former Drummond VP of Government Affairs David Roberson and former Balch partner Joel Gilbert were convicted on six federal, criminal charges related to the scheme intended to stop the Superfund expansion into Tarrant and thwart cleanup efforts. A former state legislator, Oliver Robinson, pleaded guilty to his part in the crime and testified for the government against Roberson and Gilbert.

Roberson and Gilbert were sentenced to federal prison in October; Gilbert was sentenced to five years followed by a supervised release period of two years, and Roberson was sentenced to two-and-a-half years in prison, followed by one year of supervised release. Each were ordered to pay a \$25,000 fine and complete 100 hours per year of community service while on supervised release.

Both men are appealing their convictions, and Roberson has been allowed to remain on bond during his appeal process.