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## Sampson's trial rescheduled to begin June 22

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Barring an event unrelated to his current legal troubles, state Sen. John Sampson will see the end of another legislative session in Albany: His trial on federal corruption charges, which was previously scheduled to begin this week, has a new start date of June 22.

The last scheduled day of the 2015 session is Wednesday, June 17. The new date falls more than two years after the Brooklyn Democrat was [arrested](#).

The delay in the proceedings was [reported on CapCon](#) last week. Sampson's attorney Nick Akerman said the pause had nothing to do with either of the parties — that is, Sampson and the U.S. Attorney's Eastern District office.

Sampson faces charges of making false statements, falsifying records and witness tampering. Two embezzlement charges were dismissed last October because his attorney successfully argued that the statute of limitations had run out on the alleged theft.

Sampson was re-elected in November. He and Republican Deputy Leader Tom Libous are the only sitting senators currently facing federal charges, as far as we know.

In other former-Senate-Democratic-majority-leader-facing-federal-corruption-charges news, Malcolm Smith's trial is [currently deliberating](#) his fate, despite an interruption over a juror's illness.


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