

Today's Headlines: Smith's Bribery Scheme Unfolds

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More details have emerged from the arrest of State Sen. Malcolm Smith and Councilman Dan Halloran. Four local Republicans were arrested as well, [including](#) the Bronx party chairman and the Queens party vice chairman. Another worked on John Catsimatidis's campaign but has now been [fired](#). All six were [charged](#) with wire fraud and bribery. The senator was also charged with extortion. The money from the bribes was to come from [state funding](#) secured by Smith for upstate developers - actually an informant and undercover FBI agent - who would then pay the GOP leaders. Halloran was using council [discretionary funds](#). Smith had previously [survived](#) a series of scandals and Halloran was hundreds of thousands of dollars [in debt](#). This is just [the latest](#) in a series of Albany scandals.

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