

## **Ex-EPA Official Convicted Of Theft**

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WASHINGTON (AP) — A judge has sentenced a former high-ranking official with the Environmental Protection Agency to 32 months in prison for stealing from the agency by failing to show up for work — while falsely claiming to be working for the CIA.

U.S. District Court Judge Ellen Huvelle sentenced John C. Beale, 65, following his guilty plea in September to stealing nearly \$900,000 from the EPA in no-shows and filing bogus expenses.

Beale had been a deputy assistant administrator in the EPA's Office of Air and Radiation.

Beale agreed in his plea deal to pay \$886,186 to the EPA in restitution, and forfeit another \$507,207.

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