

Deadline Nears for Croman Tenants to Submit Restitution Claims

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Croman shining light at a tenant to prevent filming

It's time to pay the piper.

For those who endured harassment from ex-con Steve Croman (<https://www.boweryboogie.com/tag/steve-croman/>), who just got out of the clinker after an eight-month stint, restitution is on the way. Tenants who lived, or currently live, in one of the buildings owned by the controversial landlord (aka 9300 Realty) can now apply to receive a chunk of the \$8 million in settlement money (<https://www.boweryboogie.com/2018/08/tenants-harassed-by-croman-can-now-receive-a-piece-of-8m-settlement-fund/>) decided by the Attorney General's office last December.

Eligibility criteria as follows: if residents are or were a tenant in a rent-stabilized or rent-controlled apartment owned by Croman between July 1, 2011 and the date of the agreement (December 20, 2017); they received a buyout of less than \$20,000, not including any amount that purported to cover rent or arrears; and no other tenant in their apartment received money from the restitution fund.



Steve Croman's 159 Stanton Street

There are allegedly several hundred current and former tenants who are eligible to apply. Claim notices and forms were already mailed to current and former rent-stabilized and rent-controlled tenants in Croman's buildings.

The \$8 million will be divided equally and distributed to tenants in installments over a period of 38 to 42 months, with the first installment coming as soon as the claims administrator processes all of the first-round claim forms.

It's also worth noting that the settlement requires an independent management entity to run more than 100 of his residential properties for five years, plus an additional seven years of independent monitorship to oversee compliance with the terms of the consent decree, and provide regular reporting to the Attorney General.

To submit a claim, tenants must complete a claim form & release (available here (<http://www.cromanrestitutionfund.com/claim>)) or call 833-898-4009 to request copies.

The deadline to submit is November 4.

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