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SATURDAY, JULY 26, 2014

Report: State Attorney General launches Steve Croman investigation

From the *Daily News* today:

State Attorney General Eric Schneiderman has launched a probe into the potentially illegal tactics used by landlord Steven Croman, 47, to force rent-stabilized tenants out of their valuable apartments, a source said.



The AG is investigating potential violations of city and state laws, including numerous infractions related to tenant harassment by Croman, the source said.

The article includes a story from Cordelia and Graham Winton, who live in a building on East Eighth Street that Croman/9300 Realty bought last year.

They declined Croman's buyout offer, and remain living in their \$1,250 apartment while neighbors above and below them pay \$6,000.

When they returned from a vacation last Saturday, they discovered that someone cranked up the steam heat in their building while they were away.

The heat was so extreme, wine bottles had uncorked, spewing their contents on the floor. A glass cabinet shattered, wood shelves warped and collapsed, the plastic spray arm in the sink melted, an outlet popped out of the wall and the ceiling and walls bubbled.

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Yesterday, the *Daily News* [reported](#) that Schneiderman slapped a cease-and-desist order on one of Croman's employees, ex-cop Anthony Falconite, who "tenants say has engaged in a campaign of harassment and intimidation to force them out."

Previously on EV Grieve:

[Watch a lot of people speak out against Steve Croman and 9300 Realty](#)

[Despite plea, landlord doubling rent on East Village family with cancer-stricken 2 year old](#)

[*Photo of Steve and Harriet Croman by Astrid Stawiarz/Getty Images for DuJour*]



POSTED BY GRIEVE AT 10:21 AM

LABELS: [CROMAN REALTY](#), [CROMANATED](#), [STEVE CROMAN](#)

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Lets be clear, this is just another form of theft and harassment which New York City landlords get away with every day. If your neighbor did this to you or your property they would be locked up, but if your landlord does it to you it's treated as if its perfectly legal, which it clearly is not.

None of these landlords would accept this if it happened to them, and neither should anyone else. Just because you happen to own a building does not mean you can treat tenants like inmates on Rikers Island. But unless the media gets involved nothing usually happens.

Luckily karma is finally catching up to Steve Cro-Magnon, who was voted one of the city's Worst Landlords by the Village Voice back in 1998. One down and a few thousand more to go....

JULY 26, 2014 AT 11:07 AM



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Anonymous said...

"The heat was so extreme, wine bottles had uncorked, spewing their contents on the floor. A glass cabinet shattered, wood shelves warped and collapsed, the plastic spray arm in the sink melted, an outlet popped out of the wall and the ceiling and walls bubbled"

While I would like to see what is described above, actually happen to this dbag, I hope the plaintiffs are not going with this story as described here, as it's really not physically possible.

JULY 26, 2014 AT 12:36 PM

Anonymous said...

GOOD. I am sick of pieces of shit like this being able to destroy lives and neighborhoods and only seeing buildings as a way to make money. People live here! This guy is one of the worst.

JULY 26, 2014 AT 2:28 PM

Anonymous said...

I have an experience watching an operation like Crowman's get investigated by the AG. The dirt bag lost everything! Between lawyers, business operations suddenly having to become kosher (=profit loss), fines, time lost, etc. The AG does not give you time to breathe. The AG only gets involved when they know they will win.

Hopefully this will be a turning point and a lesson to Steven Croman's peers.

JULY 26, 2014 AT 4:03 PM

Anonymous said...

Steve and Harriet Croman's modus operandi is to buy small tenement buildings strictly because they have so few tenants the complaints never seemed to reach official's ears. IF someone bought 100-unit buildings uptown and did what he's been doing across a 1,000 plus units spread all over the Lower East Side the past dozen years, they would have been shut down and locked up a long time ago.

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JULY 26, 2014 AT 6:06 PM

Anonymous said...

Ghoul

JULY 26, 2014 AT 8:12 PM

Anonymous said...

I agree this is horrible. I myself benefit from a very good rent stabilized apartment. But I am curious? Where were the \$6000 a month apartment people, and everyone else while this was happening? In every building I know in the hood, steam heat affects all apartments in the building. Just saying...

JULY 26, 2014 AT 8:13 PM

Anonymous said...

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