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Another harassment suit filed against reviled landlord Steve Croman

A group of Lower East Side rent-stabilized tenants are the latest to suffer at the hands of Croman

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159 Stanton Street
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He constantly ranks as one of **NYC's worst landlords**, he's currently facing 20 different **felony charges** related to harassing rent-stabilized tenants, and he's also **been sued** by Attorney General Eric Schneiderman over his tactics, but it doesn't seem like Steve Croman wants to amend his ways anytime soon.

The latest lawsuit he's embroiled in is one filed by his embattled tenants at 159 Stanton who have lobbed a litany of charges against him, *DNAinfo* **reports**. The lawsuit alleges that after Croman purchased the building in 2013 he began a series of construction and demolition projects to try to drive out the tenants.

It started with false charges of not paying rent, and then it was allegedly followed by one of Croman's cronies harassing tenants in person, banging on their doors, trying to bribe them with money to leave, and trying to coerce them to accept the buyout offers Croman had proposed for tenants to move out.

Following that Croman allegedly began construction and demolition work in August 2015, and living conditions in the building have been precarious since with with



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When tenants filed complaints, they were met with slow responses, and the repairs were never taken care of—the building was in such a state in fact that one of the tenants was robbed due to a collapsed ceiling.

An investigation by Bloomberg earlier this year **revealed the number of ways** Croman used illegal tactics to drive out rent-stabilized tenants. It still remains to be seen however if he actually faces any punishment over his actions.

- [Tenants File Suit Against Notorious Landlord Over 'Harassment' Tactics](#) [DNAinfo]
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