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## Report: Steve Croman facing another lawsuit from East 8th Street residents



As previously reported, two tenants at 309 E. Eighth St. are suing their landlord, Steve Croman of 9300 Realty, claiming that he has engaged in a "campaign of harassment, abuse and neglect" since taking over the property between Avenue B and Avenue C in December 2012.

Now five tenants have filed suit seeking a halt to construction at No. 309, as *The Real Deal* reported.

According to the suit, filed Aug. 7, the five tenants claim that the landlord has engaged in gut renovations of multiple vacant

apartments at the building since 2013, causing the ceilings to collapse in several occupied apartments.

The renovations at the 17-unit building also caused a gas leak that resulted in a month-long gas suspension, according to lawyers for the tenants.

"I would say that this case is symptomatic of what is going on in the Lower East Side today," said attorney Sadia Rahman, who represents the five tenants. "Violations like the broken front door and broken cornices have been in place for years, but owners instead are investing considerable sums of money into vacant apartments so that they can be deregulated and rented at market value."

As the *Daily News* [reported on July 26](#), State Attorney General Eric Schneiderman has launched a probe into Croman's potentially illegal tactics. On July 25, the *Daily News* [reported](#) that Schneiderman slapped a cease-and-desist order on Falconite, who "tenants say has engaged in a campaign of harassment and intimidation to force them out."

Meanwhile, Croman and his wife Harriet, an official with 9300 Realty, have been enjoying another August in the Hamptons. On Tuesday, [Page Six reported](#) that the Cromans "created a Playboy-themed bash ... complete with a replica of Hugh Hefner's famed grotto in the center of a tent. Completing the theme, pale pink carpeting surrounded a dance floor."

In her [Gimme Shelter column](#) at the *Post* yesterday, Jennifer Gould Keil noted that the Cromans paid \$650,000 this month to rent a Water Mill home "while their own beach mansion, in Sagaponack, is being built."

As for the Playboy bash, "some of Croman's guests told Gimme Shelter they wondered what the couple is celebrating."



POSTED BY GRIEVE AT 5:05 AM

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## 8 COMMENTS:



[DrBOPsaid...](#)

Man, this shit is writng itself now.

Between this post, and the one on Shakespeare&Co having their rent tripled, gotta say it....

CAPITALIST PIGS!!!

AUGUST 15, 2014 AT 4:40 PM

Anonymous said...

STEVE & HARRIET CROMANS ARE A CANCER IN THIS CITY

AUGUST 15, 2014 AT 5:20 PM

Anonymous said...

Is that's what the Cromans do with their money ??? - renting a house inthe Hamptons for \$650,000.00 for only one month? A Hideous Playboy themed bash with a replica of Hugh Hefner's grotto in the center surrounded by pink carpeting- How tacky can any one be ? People like that don't deserve money. Well, party-up Mr.& Mrs.Croman because your Karma's about to come to you.

AUGUST 16, 2014 AT 12:05 AM

Anonymous said...

Dinally the truth is out. Thank you EV Grieve

AUGUST 17, 2014 AT 1:03 AM

Anonymous said...

It would be great if the Cromans paid their city fines which now run in the millions of dollars. Perhaps that would be incentive for them to keep their buildings clean and well maintained for a change!

AUGUST 17, 2014 AT 1:08 AM

Anonymous said...

Yes, thank you EV Grieve !

AUGUST 17, 2014 AT 11:33 AM

Anonymous said...

The comments under this Real Deal article from Jill Stone, whose comment history shows a real admiration for abusive moguls, and Marc, who posts in a similar tone, are hilarious. If they're the Cromans, the comments are even funnier. I agree. This is indeed writing itself.

<http://therealdeal.com/blog/2014/08/14/tenants-sue-to-stop-croman-from-renovating-les-tenement/>

AUGUST 19, 2014 AT 7:19 AM

Deb O'Nair said...

They are my landlords and they are criminals in my mind. Karma is a bitch, and it's going to bite them big time very soon !

AUGUST 20, 2014 AT 3:46 PM

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