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Landlord aide hit as harasser back at it: tenants

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HE'S BACK

A so-called "tenant relocater" ordered to stop harassing rent-stabilized residents for landlords who want them out is back to his vile ways, tenants allege.

A year ago, state Attorney General Eric Schneiderman warned ex-cop Anthony Falconite to stop the harassment or face penalties.

Tenants say Falconite had been barging into people's apartments, taking photos of their mail and following tenants to work in an effort to coerce them into leaving so owners could charge higher rent.

In July 2014, Schneiderman

filed a "cease and desist" order against him, citing "a pattern of unlawful intimidation, deception and harassing conduct." This week, tenants at an East Harlem building say Falconite is again trying to intimidate them into taking buyouts they don't want. The E. 108th St. building was purchased by landlord Steve Croman in August 2014, and rent-stabilized tenants

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there say they were soon pressed to accept buyouts.

Teofilo Garcia Ayala, 35, said Falconite twice pushed his way into his family's apartment to pressure him on a buyout.

"When he came the first time, he came very aggressively. It was a form of interrogation," he said. Falconite "wanted to be assured that we were the ones on the lease," then allegedly offered them \$6,000 to vacate, which Garcia Ayala rejected.

"My children were present. They were scared and they asked me what does

this man want?" he said.

Garcia Ayala and other tenants will rally with the housing advocacy group Movement for Justice in El Barrio outside their building Thursday.

Melissa Grace, a spokeswoman for the attorney general, said, "If Mr. Falconite is engaging in the same reprehensible behavior that has already led this office to issue a cease and desist letter against him, we will follow up and take additional action."

Edward Spiro, a lawyer for Falconite, said, "The allegations are without merit."

"Mr. Falconite is professional in his actions and undertakes his role in compliance with the law," Spiro said.



Anthony Falconite (right) and Ayala family (above).



Amazin' try at \$3M fraud

MR. MET'S identity wuz robbed!

The owner of a Manhattan office equipment supply business has been arrested for various frauds — including forging Mets honcho Jeff Wilpon's signature on a document, authorities said.

Michael Conway allegedly defrauded investors who were financing his company, Choice Office Solutions, out of \$3 million by inflating the terms of the lease agreements with clients.

Conway actually had a contract with the Mets, but last March he allegedly fabricated papers bearing the forged signatures of Wilpon and a team vice president, according to a complaint unsealed Wednesday in Brooklyn Federal Court.

The foolish fraudster — who has a corporate suite at Citi Field — even misspelled Wilpon's first name as "Jeffery" in the bogus document, the feds said.

Conway, 39, of Verona, N.J., was charged with wire fraud and identity theft. **John Marzulli**