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## Frat bro spews verbal abuse at Uber driver in video (Graphic language)

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A foul-mouthed frat bro who was caught on video berating an Uber driver with a stream of vile insults in Michigan has been identified as the son of one of New York's most despised landlords.

The University of Michigan's Tau Kappa Epsilon chapter is investigating Jake Croman, one of its members, for verbally abusing the driver, the Michigan Review reported. According to the New York Daily News, Croman is the son of Steven Croman, a multi-property landlord who is one of the most hated figures in New York real estate.

Uber driver Artur Zawada filmed Jake Croman and a group of his pals harassing him outside his car after Zawada canceled a ride they ordered.

While the whole group rips into the Uber driver, Croman has a starring role. In the video, he pulls out his own phone to film Zawada as he calls the driver a "minimum wage fa - - -t" and mocks him for needing to work "all day."

The insults don't stop there.

Zawada's video has been viewed more than 350,000 times since it was posted on YouTube on March 23. **(Caution: It contains vulgar, abusive language.)** The driver said in a YouTube comment this was the "4th time that I have been harassed by this rider and his friends."

Zawada filed a complaint with Ann Arbor police alleging verbal harassment, according to the Daily News.

Croman told the University of Michigan Tab, a student news website, that the video "shows one side of an argument I had with an Uber driver" and says the driver made an offensive remark and "refused to pick me up on the basis of my religion."

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Croman continued:

"I am not proud of my reaction to his discrimination and I regret my choice of words. Shortly after the verbal altercation, I filed a complaint with the Ann Arbor police department and they are now dealing with the issue."

The Tab reported that Zawada denied making an offensive remark.

A university spokesperson told The Tab: "We have seen the video. Our dean of students has talked with both the Uber driver and the students. We are extremely disappointed in the behavior depicted in this video. No one should be treated with such disrespect."

So far the university has taken no action on the matter.

Croman's father, Steven Croman, has been under investigation since 2014 for allegedly using illegal tactics to force residents out of some of the rent-stabilized Manhattan properties owned by his company, 9300 Realty, the Daily News said.

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