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Sen. Hoylman calls for immediate stay on all Steve Croman-initiated tenant cases

Despite being charged with 20 felonies last May, Steve Croman's tenants have alleged that their landlord continues to harass them.

Per a December 2016 article in *The Villager*:



"He's still not giving heat and hot water, still not backing off from the rotten things he would do, like jacking up rent and not returning leases to people," said Cynthia Chaffee, a longtime Croman residential tenant. "He's still doing it and nothing's changed. He's still using the courts to harass his tenants."

Also last December, tenants of 159 Stanton St. sued Croman in housing court, saying he was subjecting them to unsafe conditions and harassment. In February, the Department of Buildings issued a partial vacate order on the building, with the residents of two apartments forced to relocate until unsafe conditions were rectified, as *The Lo-Down* reported.

Now Sen. Brad Hoylman is releasing the results of a review of eviction cases filed by Croman against tenants in the Senator's district and throughout Manhattan. Hoylman is calling for an immediate stay on all Croman-initiated tenant cases.

According to Hoylman's review, at least eight active cases are proceeding against tenants.

"Croman's M.O., as the Attorney General alleges in the criminal complaint, is to harass tenants by filing baseless lawsuits against them. The court should stay all of the cases where Croman is suing tenants until these serious allegations are addressed. Otherwise, these tenants, many of whom are not represented by legal counsel, risk irreparable harm, including losing their homes," Hoylman said in a statement. "The bottom line is that Croman is running a criminal enterprise. Justice demands his cases against tenants be stayed."

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by Virginia K. Smith | 5/27/14 - 8:59 AM



BY THE WAY

Two East Village buildings are in the list of cases proceeding: 229 First Ave. and 309 E. Eighth St.

Croman's real-estate empire includes 47 buildings with 617 units in the East Village. As previously noted, Croman owns more buildings in the East Village than any other landlord.

State Attorney General Eric Schneiderman announced the charges against Croman in May 2016, including multiple felonies for his role in an alleged scheme to fraudulently obtain several multi-million dollar refinancing loans between 2012 and 2014.

The civil lawsuit, filed in New York Supreme Court in Manhattan and the product of an independent investigation, alleges that Croman used, among other things, the illegal tactic of pressuring tenants into surrendering their apartments by repeatedly filing baseless lawsuits against them.

His criminal case has been adjourned and bail continued five times now, according to the Croman Tenants Alliance. His civil court date is June 5.

The *New York Post* reported earlier this month that Croman was nearing a plea deal that would see him serve eight months of jail time and pay a fine up to \$10 million.



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9 COMMENTS:

EV resident said...

Hoylman has our back. He came out for a Toledano event we had. Other elected officials plz note how this is done

MAY 17, 2017 AT 9:57 AM



Giovanni said...

This is good news but it still doesn't explain what's going on with the criminal trial, and why only Page Six reported the alleged sweetheart deal that lets him get off with minimal jail time, and a fine that only puts a small dent in CroMagnon's art collection. It's obvious that his anti-tenant practices have not changed, so what's the point in letting him off so easy?

MAY 17, 2017 AT 10:20 AM

NOTORIOUS said...

Is that a mugshot photo or is he just practicing?

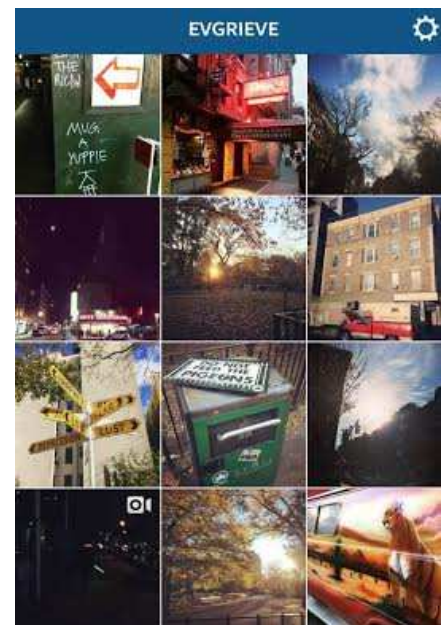
MAY 17, 2017 AT 12:50 PM

Here, you'll find things that you may or may not be interested in about the East Village and other parts of New York City. Appreciating what's here while it's still here. Remembering what's no longer here. Wishing some things weren't here that are here.

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Anonymous said...

\$10 mill is nothing, that is probably the sales price on one of the least valuable of his 47 properties. Criminal case adjourned 5 times while he is out of jail, Ben Brafman is a good lawyer.

MAY 17, 2017 AT 1:03 PM

Anonymous said...

It's possible that "deal" is just PR from his superstar "Strauss-Kahn" lawyer, Ben Brafman.

MAY 17, 2017 AT 2:21 PM

Anonymous said...

i don't know how to contact the owner of this site but here's some good news... i live in an EV rent-stabilized building wherein our landlady has been evicting tenants and then using units for Airbnb business. Finally, she was caught! The City has hit "Airbnb Empress" Rose King with a \$1.2 M lawsuit and judge has ordered her to vacate guests within 24hrs or risk having her buildings taken by the City. (Despite the ruling, my opinion is she has multiple leases in her son-in-law's name and he is the one Airbnb-ing the apartment. He has never lived in the building and I believe this operation violates rent-stabilization rules. <http://www.nydailynews.com/new-york/judge-shuts-airbnb-empress-temporary-rentals-les-article-1.3167809>

MAY 17, 2017 AT 6:29 PM

Anonymous said...

some more links re: EV AirBnb Empress getting fined by City.

<http://nypost.com/2017/5/14/city-smacks-landlord-with-lawsuit-for-illegal-airbnb-rentals/>

<https://ny.curbed.com/2017/5/15/15640712/airbnb-nyc-lawsuit-lower-east-side>

MAY 17, 2017 AT 6:34 PM



LPIFLY said...

Yeah add about 1 names to be that

MAY 17, 2017 AT 7:30 PM

HippieChick said...

Hoylman is the goods. Croman must be destroyed.

MAY 18, 2017 AT 6:30 AM

I am so happy Cafe Orlin still exists. I have

been... - 5/18/2017 - Anonymous

Yeah I know the old table were nicer but

there'... - 5/18/2017 - Anonymous

Yes, the mayor gets a commission on all new

condos... - 5/18/2017 - Anonymous

11:10. We could use a

Blimpie's. - 5/18/2017 - Anonymous

It gets crowded for brunch on weekends, but you

ca... - 5/18/2017 - Anonymous

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