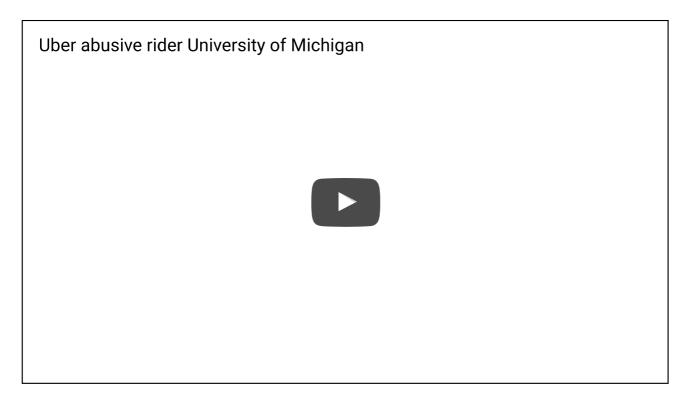
U. Mich frat bro won't face charges for Uber rant video

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The University of Michigan student caught on camera unleashing a hateful tirade at an Uber driver is a jerk, but he's not a criminal, prosecutors ruled Monday.

Jake Croman will not face any charges for the viral video of his vile rant, according to the Washtenaw County prosecutor's office.

Prosecutors condemned Croman's conduct, but said it still didn't count as criminal behavior.

"To summarize, the rant was rude, boorish and offensive, but it was not a crime," chief assistant prosecutor Steven Hiller told the Daily News.

He said Croman's rant did not "meet the test for what is obscene conduct," but did not offer specific details.

Croman was also investigated by his chapter of the Tau Kappa Epsilon fraternity, and police are still investigating Croman's complaint about the driver, Artur Zawada.

Zawada in March recorded Croman — the son of Steven Croman, one of the most hated landlords in New York City — verbally harassing him for canceling an Uber ride.



Jake Croman was caught on camera unleashing a hateful tirade on Uber driver Artur Zawada. (ARTUR ZAWADA/VIA YOUTUBE)

In the video, which has been viewed on YouTube more than one million times, Croman repeatedly calls Zawada a "fa---t," mocks him for making "minimum wage" and brags about how he's going to "sit on my ass and watch TV" while Zawada has to work for a living. Several of Croman's frat bro friends stand by him as he curses out the driver.

Zawada and Croman filed complaints about each other, leading to conflicting accounts of what sparked the brat's wrath. Croman claimed in a media statement he was set off by "a number of offensive anti-Semitic remarks" from Zawada, but an Ann Arbor Police spokesman told the Daily News Croman never mentioned anti-Semitism in his report.

Zawada wrote on Youtube that Croman and his friends had harassed him several times on prior rides.

Zawada and Croman were both suspended from using Uber while the ride-share company investigated the incident.

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