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Frat bro son of reviled New York City landlord Steven Croman under investigation for Uber driver harassment video (WARNING: GRAPHIC LANGUAGE)

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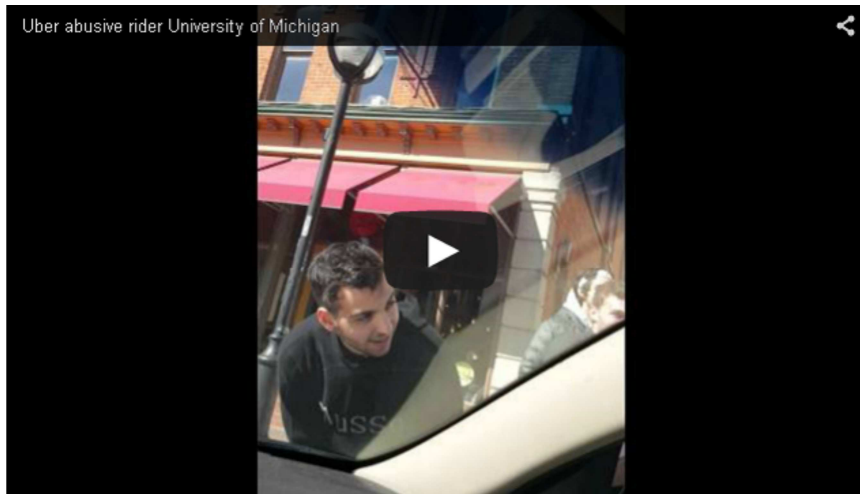
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Like father, like son.

The frat bro son of one of New York City's most reviled landlords was recorded harassing an Uber driver in Michigan, calling the man a "minimum wage fa---t" and mocking him for needing to work for a living.

Jake Croman, a member of the University of Michigan's Tau Kappa Epsilon chapter, is now being investigated by his frat for his recorded roadside rage at an Uber driver, according to the [Michigan Review](#).

That means he's following the flagrant footsteps of his father, Steven Croman — a Gotham property magnate who's [under investigation](#) by State Attorney General Eric Schneiderman for allegedly forcing rent-stabilized tenants out of their homes.

Uber driver Artur Zawada filmed Jake Croman and a group of his goons belittling him while standing outside his car — apparently because Zawada canceled a ride they ordered.

Several meatheads are seen spewing rage at Zawada, but the worst of it comes from Croman, who whips out his own phone to film the face-off.

"F--- you Artur, you little fa---t f---," Croman yells.

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"You wanna kick me off? Kick me off, you little piece of s---. You're an Uber driver! Go f---ing drive, you little f---! Minimum wage fa----! Go f--- yourself!"



ARTUR ZAWADAVIA YOUTUBE



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University of Michigan frat bro Jake Croman (in black coat) is seen harassing an Uber driver as several friends egg him on.

As Croman storms away, he calls out: "You're working all night! Guess what? I'm gonna sit on my ass and watch TV. F--- you!"

Zawada posted the video on YouTube on March 23, and it's been viewed more than 300,000 times. The driver told [The Tab](#) it was the worst treatment he's endured on the job.

"I have lived in this country for 30 years," Zawada said.

"To see someone have complete disregard for another human being — to be abused just because they overloaded the car or they are mean or rude, I have to put a stop for it. I was shocked. I was just in disbelief."

Zawada filed a complaint with Ann Arbor police for alleged verbal harassment.

None of the other oafs in the clip have been named, but the school's newspaper identified Croman as the main aggressor.

The school said in a statement it is "extremely disappointed in the behavior depicted in this video." The dean of students has spoken with Croman and Zawada, according to the school, but no actions against the student have been announced.



Croman could not immediately be reached by the Daily News. But in a prepared statement issued to several media outlets, he claimed Zawada instigated the incident by making "a number of offensive anti-Semitic remarks that provoked my response."

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ASTRID STAWIARZ/GETTY IMAGES FOR DUJOUR

Steven Croman is one of the most notorious landlords in New York City.

"This video shows one side of an argument I had with an Uber driver two weeks ago after he refused to pick me up on the basis of my religion," the statement says.

"I am not proud of my reaction to his discrimination and I regret my choice of words."

Croman works as an associate at his father's real estate company, according to his LinkedIn page.

Steven Croman, who lives in a swanky Lenox Hill pad, is one of the most notorious names in New York real estate. He's been under investigation since 2014 for allegedly using illegal tactics to cast out residents from some of the rent-stabilized Manhattan properties owned by his company, 9300 Realty. Beleaguered tenants have also accused him of hiring a former cop, Anthony Falconite, to force them out through intimidation.

Public Advocate Letitia James once named Croman as one of the city's worst landlords, and there is an entire advocacy group, the Croman Tenants' Alliance, devoted to warning would-be tenants about his actions.

He did not immediately return calls from the Daily News.

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