

- [Follow on Twitter](#)
- [Like Us On Facebook](#)
- [Subscribe by RSS](#)
- [ABOUT](#)
- [CONTACT](#)
- [STAFF MAIL](#)



One Cement Standard 42.5
 Cement Standardization Advocacy Group (CSAG)
 42.5 Cement Safety First
[Learn More](#)

AimsFoods
 Express yourself, customize your Product

- Preform
- Caps
- Blow Bottle
- Customize Bottle Water
- Tamper proof
- Label
- Shrink wrapper

For more info: 08027884440, 08186098195

Windows 8 Phone
NOKIA Lumia 520

BREAKING NEWS: *** Breaking: FG reinstates sacked 16,000 resident doctors *** *** Anita, Pastor Oyakhilome's wife, files for divorce over adultery *** *** Anita, Pastor

-
-
-
-
-
-
-
-
-
-

- [Home](#)
- [NEWS](#)
- [BUSINESS](#)
- [POLITICS](#)
- [WORLD](#)
- [ENTERTAINMENT](#)
- [COLUMNISTS](#)
- [OPINION](#)
- [SPORTS](#)
- [ECHO GALLERY](#)

Multimillionaire Manhattan landlord probed illegal tactics to force out rent-stabilized tenants

Posted by [Publication Director](#) in [CRIME](#), [NEWS](#), [WORLD](#) on July 26, 2014 4:59 pm / [no comments](#)



“State Attorney General Eric Schneiderman has launched an investigation into the tactics used by Steven Croman, 47, to push rent-stabilized tenants out of their valuable apartments, the Daily News has learned. Croman, who owns 100 mostly residential buildings across Manhattan, portrays himself as a philanthropist, raising money for causes like the 92nd Street Y.”

The multimillionaire Manhattan landlord whose ex-cop employee is accused of terrorizing tenants is now himself the subject of an investigation, the Daily News has learned.

State Attorney General Eric Schneiderman has launched a probe into the potentially illegal tactics used by landlord Steven Croman, 47, to force rent-stabilized tenants out of their valuable apartments, a source said.

The AG is investigating potential violations of city and state laws, including numerous infractions related to tenant harassment by Croman, the source said.

Schneiderman’s spokeswoman, Melissa Grace, declined to answer questions about the probe, instead issuing a brief statement.

“While we cannot comment on potential or ongoing investigations, the attorney general is committed to ensuring that no one — no matter how rich or well connected — is above the law. We are prepared to take action against landlords who use illegal tactics to force rent-regulated tenants out of their homes to raise rents.”

Croman, who owns 100 mostly residential buildings across Manhattan, portrays himself as a philanthropist, raising money for causes like the 92nd Street Y.

This week Schneiderman slapped a “cease and desist” order on one of his employees, ex-NYPD cop Anthony Falconite, a private investigator tenants say has engaged in a campaign of harassment and intimidation to force them out.

Numerous tenants say Croman regularly files frivolous lawsuits, blows off repairs and uses every trick in the book to get them out so he can rent units at much higher rates.

Croman bought the building last year and offered buyouts to the Wintons and other tenants. Several took the deal and moved out. The Wintons declined the offer. Just ask Croman tenants Cordelia and Graham Winton, who live in his building on E. 8th St. in the East Village.

Tenants above and below them left and now those apartments rent for around \$6,000. The Wintons pay about \$1,250.

On July 2, the Wintons went on vacation and returned to a nightmare. Cordelia Winton returned first on July 19, and when she arrived, tenants told her someone had cranked the steam heat in the building on July 4 high enough to cause steam to pour out from her apartment into the hall.

When she opened the door, she gazed upon a disaster.

The heat was so extreme, wine bottles had uncorked, spewing their contents on the floor. A glass cabinet shattered, wood shelves warped and collapsed, the plastic spray arm in the sink melted, an outlet popped out of the wall and the ceiling and walls bubbled.

If they’d left their cats behind as they usually do, they’d have two dead kitties, the Wintons said.

She said the super failed to notify them of what happened, or they would have returned early to take care of the damage. Croman’s employees claim an unnamed “contractor” had mistakenly turned the boiler on max and left. But Cordelia Winton said the super came to the building while they were away and turned off the boiler after other tenants complained about the heat.

Since then Croman has done nothing to make amends, and the Wintons have given up hope that that will change.

“My son goes to a good school nearby. I’ve always paid my rent on time. I’ve dealt with the problems in the apartment,”

Cordelia Winton said. “I just want to live in peace. I just want to be left alone.”

Messages left with Croman Friday were not returned.

Source: Daily News, NY

0 I like This

- [Post to Facebook](#)
- [Post to Twitter](#)
- [Add to LinkedIn](#)

Tags: [rent-stabilized tenants](#), [State Attorney General Eric Schneiderman](#), [Steven Croman](#)

No comments

Be the first one to leave a comment.

Post a Comment

Name required | E-Mail required | Website

Notify me of follow-up comments by email.

Notify me of new posts by email.

[Tweets by @NigerianEcho](#)

- [Featured](#)
- [Recent](#)
- [Comments](#)
- [Tags](#)



[Senegal reports first case of Ebola](#)

29 Aug, 2014



[BREAKING: PDP grants Ribadu, others waiver](#)

29 Aug, 2014



[DiCaprio film ignores real climate change monster](#)

29 Aug, 2014



[Enugu Assembly Clears New Deputy Governor, Nwoye](#)

29 Aug, 2014



[UN soldiers seized by rebels in Golan Heights](#)

29 Aug, 2014

Archives

Select Month

Search for:



- [ABOUT](#)
- [CONTACT](#)
- [STAFF MAIL](#)

- [Home](#)
- [NEWS](#)
- [BUSINESS](#)
- [POLITICS](#)
- [WORLD](#)
- [ENTERTAINMENT](#)
- [COLUMNISTS](#)
- [OPINION](#)
- [SPORTS](#)
- [Echo Gallery](#)

Copyright © 2014 NigerianEcho. All rights reserved. Designed by [OLASOPE01](#)