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# 'Bernie Madoff of landlords' defaults on ritzy NYC building featured in hit sitcom 'The Nanny': suit

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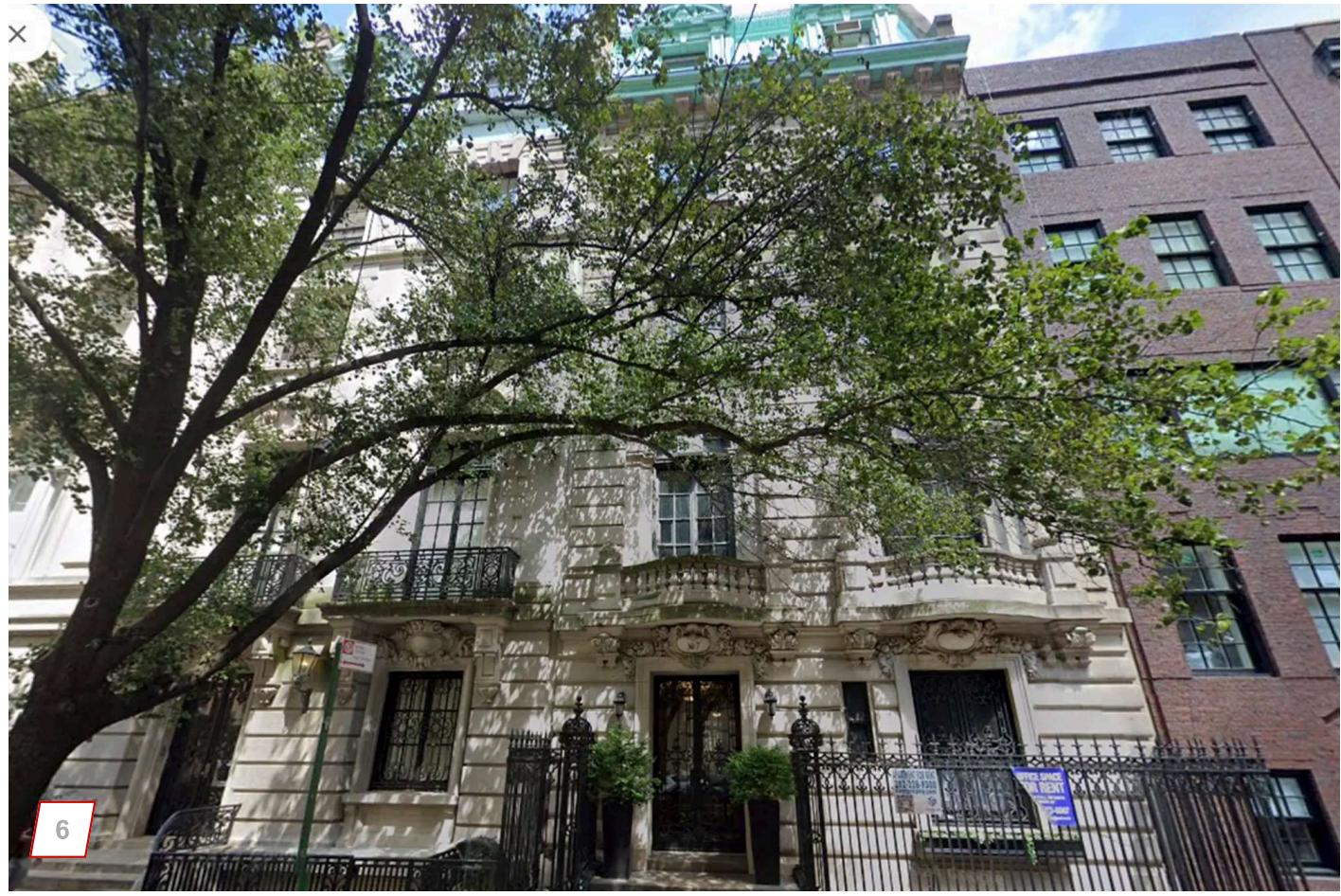
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The "Bernie Madoff of landlords" is in debt to the city over a building featured in "The Nanny," a new lawsuit claims.

Embattled real-estate titan Steven Cromane, 62, and his wife, [Lori Loughlin](#), 58, are facing [a new federal indictment](#) and other charges — has defaulted on millions of dollars in loans tied to the Upper East Side site,

which was used in the 1990s hit sitcom featuring Fran Drescher, according to Manhattan court filings.

The building at 7 E. 75th St. is now facing foreclosure thanks to the \$8.22 million in outstanding debt he owes on it — bringing his total default claims on all of his properties to nearly \$200 million, the lawsuit said.



"The Nanny" home at 7 E. 75th St. in Manhattan is now facing foreclosure after notorious landlord Steven Croman stopped paying his loan in August, a lawsuit claims.

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"The Nanny," a '90s TV sitcom starring Fran Drescher and Charles Shaughnessy, was centered around the Upper East Side mansion of Shaughnessy's wealthy character.

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That whopping figure allegedly includes \$22.15 million he owes across a total of five properties alone in Manhattan.

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In all, his **shocking real-estate debt totals** more than \$190 million, spanning 40 properties in all, according to court filings.

The five-story French Beaux Arts building at the center of the new lawsuit was built in 1901 and is just steps from Central Park. It was purchased by Croman in 2008 for \$14.5 million, according to records.

Its exterior was immortalized for TV viewers at the exterior of the mansion for the fictitious Sheffield family in "The Nanny," which stars Drescher as the family's young outer-borough caregiver from Queens.



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Cromam pleaded guilty to mortgage fraud in 2017 and spent a year behind bars on Rikers Island.

Steven Hirsch



Drescher played a wisecracking nanny from Queens.

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Unlike in the show, the real-life real-estate is split into apartments, where an available cozy 850-square-foot three-bedroom unit is currently

Cromam, a convicted fraudster **who did a \$9.8 million loan against the property in 2010**

The suit alleged that starting in August, Cromam paid \$80,000 on the property.



Croman is in default for \$188,156 at 309 W. 97th St. in Manhattan, according to the suit.

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For the other buildings listed on the suit — filed in Manhattan Supreme Court by the current holder of the loans, Orange Owner LLC — he follows payments in August.

At 309 W. 97th St., Croman was in default on installments, the suit claimed, and now must

For 228-230 E. 32nd St., he faced a monthly payment — including fees — in November. The suit

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Named “the Bernie Madoff of landlords,” Croman, 61, faced charges of grand larceny and other felonies. In addition to fraud claims, he was also accused of using a **former NYPD officer to harass tenants** into leaving their units — allowing him to jack up the rent on unwitting New Yorkers.

The late Madoff is infamous for pulling off

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