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Florida man sues dating site over refund after doctor ordered him to stay home

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An 86-year-old Florida man who paid a dating service nearly \$5,000 couldn't get a refund despite letters from doctors ordering him to stay home amid the coronavirus pandemic, a lawsuit claims.

Widower Alexander Walker Sheen, of South Pasadena, sued Sun Coast Introductions LLC earlier this month for more than \$8,000 in damages after signing a contract in February with the dating site for eight meetings with potential partners over the next year for \$4,995, [the Tampa Bay Times reports](#).

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reasons, according to the lawsuit filed Sept. 4 in Pinellas County.

But when Sheen's plans were scuttled amid the coronavirus pandemic — on the advice of three doctors — the company never responded to his request for a refund, according to the filing.

"It is my strong recommendation that Alex limit his ambulatory activity to only what is [absolutely] necessary, i.e. emergent doctor visits and remaining active inside his home," one doctor who was treating Sheen for chronic obstructive pulmonary disease wrote in late March, according to the lawsuit.

A second doctor also cited COVID-19 while recommending that Sheen not partake in physical activities that required him "leaving his home," an attachment to the complaint reads.

Sheen provided all the letters to Sun Coast Introductions while requesting a refund.

Sheen referred calls to one of his lawyers when reached by The Post Tuesday. Attorney Rocky Rinker in St. Petersburg did not immediately return a message seeking comment.

A message left with a Sun Coast Introductions employee seeking a response to Sheen's lawsuit was also not immediately returned Tuesday.

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