



# BEWARE OF FRAUDSTERS TRYING TO BUY YOUR MEDS



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## Criminal counterfeit rings are putting you & other patients at risk!

ADAP Advocacy and the Partnership for Safe Medicines are warning patients about the risks associated with medicine buyback and counterfeiting schemes on popular gay dating apps.

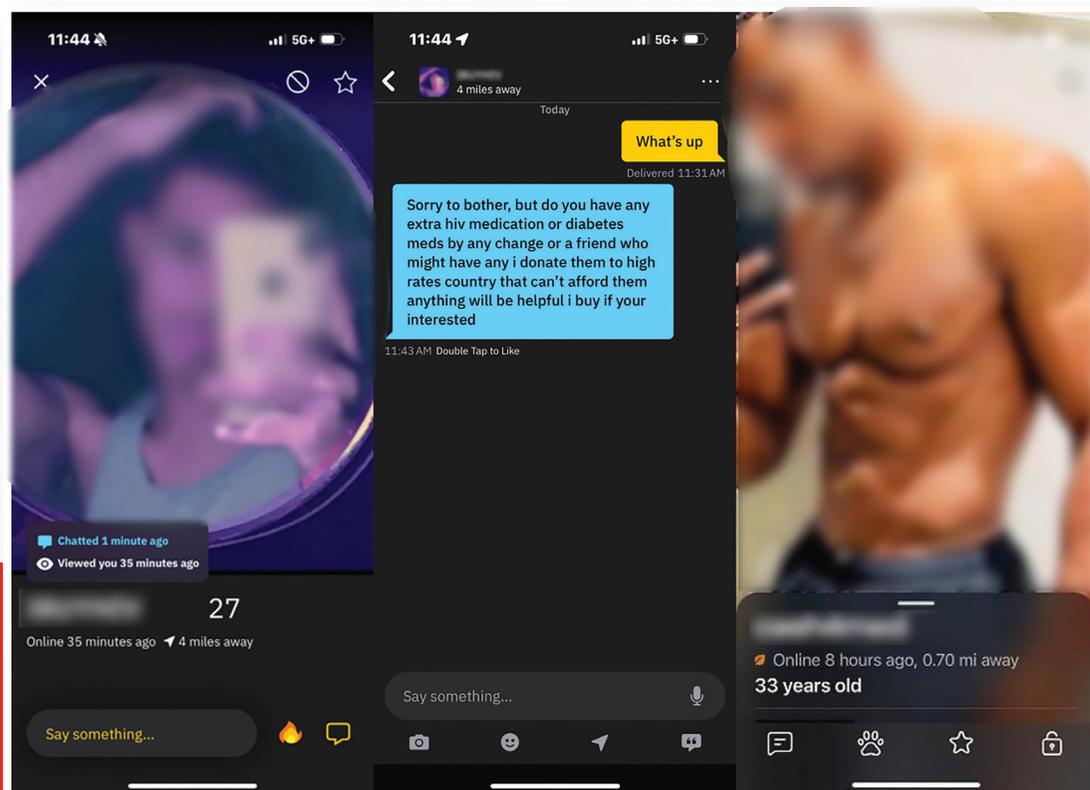
### The risk of taking a fake medicine instead of the prescribed medication could be harmful... even deadly!

Medicine buyback schemes falsely claim to be "buyers clubs" making medicine available to people who cannot afford them. In reality, criminals buy medicine, and sometimes empty bottles, from patients and sell them at a discount to unsuspecting pharmacies who dispense them to patient victims.

Some patients have been harmed when criminals filled empty bottles with over-the-counter painkillers instead of the HIV treatment they needed. Some counterfeits contained real active pharmaceutical ingredients like antipsychotics, which had devastating effects on the individuals who took their medicine. It has already happened with medications for HIV and diabetes.

Please do NOT sell medicine or packaging of any kind to fraudsters operating on gay dating apps or anywhere else. They are not performing a public service; they are the **first step in a criminal chain that will hurt patients**. If you find a profile on a dating app offering to buy medicine, **please report it to the app or contact the Partnership for Safe Medicines at [report@safemedicines.org](mailto:report@safemedicines.org) or <https://safedr ug/buyback>.**

Be on the lookout for profiles and chats like these:



For more information about staying safe from counterfeit medicines see ADAP Advocacy's PSA at <https://safedr ug/ADAP-PSA>