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PORT DICKSON: The police are again appealing to the public to be wary when contacted by strangers claiming to be from financial institutions or enforcement agencies after three people were cheated of almost RM34,000.

Port Dickson OCPD Supt Aidi Sham Mohamed said the public should also refrain from revealing their banking details to any individual over the phone or on social media.

In the first two cases on Dec 23, a 51-year-old site supervisor lost RM11,153 and a 62-year-old retiree lost RM8,600 to strangers claiming to be bank officers.

"The victims were told that credit cards registered under their names had been used to buy bitcoin and the calls were then purportedly transferred to Bank Negara officers.

"The first victim was asked to

reveal his online banking details as the police would be probing the case, while the second was told to go to the nearest ATM and increase his withdrawal limit," he said.

Supt Aidi Sham said after the first victim gave the suspect his banking details, he found that his savings had been moved from his account to that belonging to a stranger.

The second victim lost RM8,600 after he was asked to transfer his savings to an account belonging to another individual to allow the police to probe his case.

In the third case, a 26-year-old customer service officer lost RM13,900 after being scammed by a man claiming to be from the Inland Revenue Board.

"The female officer was told that a company registered under her name had arrears and the call was then apparently transferred to the Kuala Terengganu police contingent.

"She then spoke to another sus-

pect, who also asked for her banking details to allow police to investigate the case," Supt Aidi Sham said, adding that she too gave her online banking details to the suspect.

After checking her bank account later, she discovered that her savings had also been transferred to another bank account without her knowledge.

The cases are being probed under Section 420 of the Penal Code for cheating. The offence carries a jail term of between one and 10 years, whipping and a fine, upon conviction.

Supt Aidi Sham said the public could verify if the bank accounts which they were asked to transfer money to were being probed for cheating cases at semakmule.rmp.gov.my.

Alternatively, they could call the Commercial Crime Investigation Department infoline at 013-211 1222 or the Scam Response Centre at 03-2610 1559.