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**T**WO senior citizens lost a total RM390,500 after falling victim to Macau scams in separate incidents here recently.

Seberang Prai Utara district police chief Assistant Commissioner Mohd Radzi Ahmad said both women, in their sixties, lodged separate police reports on Monday after realising money in their bank accounts had been withdrawn in stages through cash transfers.

He said the victim in the first incident lost RM148,000.

"Her ordeal started when she received a call from a woman, who introduced herself as a deputy public prosecutor and informing the victim that she was involved in corruption and money laundering activities.

"The suspect told the victim to cooperate to avoid arrest, then ordered the victim to open a new bank account and transfer all her money to it for investigation and to avoid it being confiscated.

"The victim followed all the instructions out of fear and transferred her savings to

the new account before giving the suspect her banking details," he said yesterday.

Radzi said the victim only realised she had been cheated when all her savings totalling RM148,000, which had been transferred to the new account, was withdrawn in stages.

She then lodged a police report.



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In the second incident, Radzi said a woman lost RM242,500 after she was contacted by a man claiming to be an insurance agent who told her that she was involved in false insurance claims and drugs.

He said the suspect instructed the victim to activate one of her bank accounts by depositing RM280,000 into it as bail money to avoid being arrested.

Out of fear, the victim did as instructed and gave her banking details to the suspect.

"The victim only realised that she had been cheated after trying to deposit the remaining

bail money of RM37,500, which she borrowed from relatives, into the account and found the RM242,500 had been withdrawn through money transfers."

She then lodged a police report.

Radzi said both cases were probed under Section 420 of the Penal Code for cheating.