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PORT DICKSON: A 37-year-old teacher was cheated of RM32,700 in a phone scam run by a group of people who impersonated government officers.

District police chief Supt Aidi Sham Mohamed said the victim received a call from a woman who identified herself as Puan Ivan, claiming to be from the Inland Revenue Board, on March 29.

"The teacher was told she had tax arrears amounting to almost RM39,000. The arrears were supposedly owned by a company registered under her name in Cyberjaya," he said.

Supt Aidi Sham said the call was "transferred" to a policeman based at the Kelantan police headquarters when she denied owning such a company.

The policeman told the teacher a warrant had been issued for her arrest as her bank account was also used in money laundering and drug smuggling activities.

"The call was transferred to ASP Datuk Zul, who apparently was with Bank Negara. He then asked her to download a MyBNM link to clear her name," he said.

Supt Aidi Sham said the victim keyed her banking details, including her username and password, into the app as instructed.

However, later, she was surprised when she found RM32,700 had been transferred to a stranger's account. She quickly lodged a police report.

The case has been classified as cheating.

Police said the public should not reveal their bank details to strangers and fall prey to those who claim to be from enforcement agencies or financial institutions.

The public can verify such information from the Commercial Crime Investigation Department Scam Response Centre when in doubt.

The centre can be contacted at tel 03-2610 1559/1599 or via WhatsApp at tel 013-211 1222 or a the CCID portal at <https://semakmule.rmp.gov.my/>.