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MELAKA: A housewife and a student in Melaka lost RM259,642 to a Macau scam after being duped by a syndicate member who posed as a Health Ministry official claiming that their personal information had been used by other individuals for Covid-19 vaccination registration.

State Commercial Crime Investigation Department chief Superintendent E. Sundra Rajan said the victims were a 60-year-old housewife from Alor Gajah, who

lost RM247,642, and a 21-year-old institute of higher learning student, who lost RM12,000.

He said police received reports about the two victims of fraud at the Simpang Ampat and Batu Berendam police stations, respectively, on April 8.

“Both victims claimed they had received a call from the suspect, who claimed he was a Health Ministry officer and told them their personal details had been used for the Covid-19 vaccination

registration.

“The victims were then instructed to cooperate with the suspect to investigate the matter.

“They were then connected to the ‘police’ via a call for further verification before being informed that their personal details were used in a money-laundering case,” he said yesterday.

Sundra Rajan said both victims were threatened with further action if they failed to cooperate.

The syndicate then ordered the

housewife and student to provide information on their bank accounts for auditing purposes.

However, after both had given their bank account and pin numbers, as well as access to their online accounts, the victims’ funds were transferred into the suspect’s account.

He said the two cases were being investigated under Section 420 of the Penal Code for cheating. He said the state police had received 93 reports related to

Macau scam syndicates involving estimated losses of RM3.12 million from Jan 1 to yesterday.

He advised the public to be cautious about suspicious calls and to check the telephone and bank account numbers provided by suspects via the police’s Semak M u l e w e b s i t e ccid.rmp.gov.my/semakmule or download the application “Semak Mule CCID” on Google Play Store before making any transaction. **Bernama**