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ALLEGED FAKE INSURANCE CLAIM

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ALOR STAR: A bank retiree was made RM180,000 poorer after he fell victim to a scam syndicate which accused him of filing a fake insurance claim at a private hospital in Kuala Lumpur.

The victim had received a phone call on Aug 24 from a man, who introduced himself as an insurance agent. The man claimed that the victim had filed an insurance claim at Tung Shin Hospital in Sentul, Kuala Lumpur.

After the victim denied filing the insurance claim, the call was purportedly transferred to the 'Sentul police station', where he spoke to two men supposedly from the Bukit Aman's Criminal Investigation Department.

The men accused the victim of being involved in money laun-

dering and drug trafficking cases. They also told him that he had a warrant of arrest.

Kedah Police Commercial Crime Investigation Department chief Superintendent Elias Omar said the victim was instructed to open an account with Agrobank and register a phone number provided by the scammers under the account.

"They then instructed the victim to withdraw RM180,000 from his Tabung Haji account to the Agrobank account on the pretext of carrying out investigations.



*Superintendent
Elias Omar*

"The victim only realised that he had been scammed after finding out that his money had been transferred to a third party," he said in a statement.

Elias said the victim had lodged a police report on Wednesday and the case has been classified under Section 420 of the Penal Code for cheating.

He reminded the public not to entertain any call purportedly from any government agency or banking institutions, and to contact the department concerned personally for verification.