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**RANAU:** A manager lost RM444,600 here in a Macau scam early this month.

Ranau police chief Deputy Superintendent Simiun Lomudin said the 35-year-old victim, who works at a tourism centre, had received a call from unknown individuals impersonating as an Inland Revenue Board (IRB) employee as well as a police personnel and officer on April 6.

"The syndicate claimed that the victim's name was used to open a company and had tax arrears of RM26,000.

"The victim initially denied

such claim but the suspect then transferred the call to a 'police sergeant' in Kedah.

"The second suspect then told the victim he was involved in a drug case and money laundering.

"The call was then transferred to a 'police officer' who claimed could revoke the arrest warrant on the victim but urged him to deposit a sum of money into a bank account provided by the syndicate," said Simiun.

Believing that the whole incident was true, the victim then made several transfers into several bank accounts before

realising he had been scammed, said Simiun.

The victim lodged a police report at the Ranau police headquarters and the case is being investigated under Section 420 of the Penal Code for cheating and dishonestly inducing delivery of property.

Simiun said this was the third Macau scam case reported in Ranau using the same modus operandi.

He said the syndicate targeted various sections of the community and he advised them to be careful when receiving

telephone calls from unknown individuals who claimed to be an enforcement personnel or from financial institution.

"Do not disclose any banking details to unknown individuals, especially through telephones, to avoid being a victim of such scam.

"Public are also urged to contact the Ranau police headquarters or any police headquarters if they received any suspicious calls from unknown individuals who claimed to be law enforcement or from financial institutions," he said.