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SIBU: A 42-year-old woman here lodged a police report after losing RM18,500 to a Macau scam.

Sibu police chief ACP Zulkipli Suhaili said the victim had received a call from an unidentified person who claimed to be a bank officer, and was told that there had been a transaction involving a sum of RM3,700 from her bank account.

“Upon telling the caller that she did not have an account with the said bank, the victim was directed to contact a ‘Bank Negara official’ and to download two applications to supposedly facilitate the investigation.

“She proceeded to download the two apps and entered the various information requested, including

her banking details,” he said in a statement.

Zulkipli said not long after that, the woman discovered that a total of RM18,500 had been transferred from her account into a third-party account, and realised she had been scammed.

He advised the people to remain calm and not panic when receiving phone calls from individuals claiming to be from banks or the authorities, so as not to fall victim to scams.

“I urge everyone to be more careful and not be easily fooled by such calls. The people can always come to the Sibu Commercial Crime Investigation Division office in regard to suspicious calls,” he said.