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SIBU: A woman here lost her life savings amounting to RM268,000 recently after she was believed to have fallen victim to a cheating scam after receiving a phone call from a stranger who claimed to be a bank officer.

In the incident which took place last Tuesday, the 60-year-old woman said she received a call from the man who introduced himself as a bank officer named Jack Ong.

The caller told the woman she had a RM8,925.70 debt from her credit card to which she denied having the specific card he

mentioned.

The caller further claimed her money in her bank account had been transferred and asked her to report it to Bank Negara.

Without suspecting anything, the woman called the number given by Ong which was answered by another man who introduced himself as a Bank Negara officer.

The officer then took down the particulars of her bank account.

After that the woman said she received another call from the Bank Negara officer saying her account had been used to rent

three shophouses in Kuching for a cyber café operation. The officer then told the woman the cyber cafe in Kuching had been used as a casino.

In order to get herself out of the trouble, the officer asked the woman to withdraw her savings in Amanah Saham and her bank and deposit all the amount to his bank account.

The woman did as she was told and deposited a total of RM268,000. The woman only lodged a report with the police after she felt something amiss about the whole thing.