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2 MORE FALL VICTIM TO MACAU SCAM

One cheated out of RM30,000 while the other lost RM11,800

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A COOK from Genting Highlands was cheated out of RM30,000 after falling victim to a Macau scam claiming that he was involved in an accident.

On Wednesday, the 44-year-old victim received a call supposedly from the Simpang Empat Police Station, claiming that he was involved in an accident with a rented vehicle in Penang.

Pahang Commercial Criminal Investigation Department Chief Superintendent Mohd Wazir Mohd Yusof said the victim denied that he was involved in the accident before his call was forwarded to an "Inspector Damia" and then an "Inspector Mesh".

"Inspector Mesh claimed that the victim's bank account was involved in a money-laundering

case and was being probed by the police and Bank Negara Malaysia.

"The suspect told the victim to pay a RM45,000 bail if he did not want to be arrested."

On Thursday, Wazir said, the victim withdrew RM30,000 from his Amanah Saham Bumiputera account before depositing it into an account provided by the suspect.

"The suspect also requested that the remaining RM15,000 be paid at the Penang High Court. The victim shared what happened with his friend, who then told him that he had been duped."

Wazir said the victim lodged a report at the Bentong police station.

In a separate case, a 53-year-old businessman from Cameron Highlands lost RM11,800 after being conned by Macau Scam suspects who masqueraded as police and court personnel on Thursday.

The victim was contacted at his restaurant in Tañah Rata by an individual claiming to be from the Terengganu courts.

"He was told that he had a company with tax arrears of about RM85,700.

"The victim denied and the line was cut off," said Wazir.

"Before long, an individual claiming to be a 'Sergeant Ong' from the Terengganu police headquarters called the victim alleging that he was involved in drug and money laundering cases."

"The victim was told to deposit RM11,800 to an account provided by the suspect to

resolve the case.

"The victim then made three transactions. He called 'Sergeant Ong' but failed to get in touch with him.

"He then lodged a report at the Cameron Highlands police station.

"Both cases are being investigated under Section 420 of the Penal Code for cheating."



Mohd Wazir Mohd Yusof