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A 28-YEAR-OLD houseman lost RM12,400 after he was duped by a scammer claiming he was involved in money laundering, reported *China Press*.

The victim from Kuantan received a phone call from a person who introduced himself as a Malaysian Anti-Corruption Commission (MACC) officer on Friday.

The "officer" alleged that the vic-

tim had been implicated in a multi-million-dollar money laundering with another man known as Chen.

Pahang Commercial Crimes Investigation Department chief Supt Mohd Wazir Mohd Yusuf said that like a typical Macau Scam, the line was then transferred to a police officer.

"The policeman told him that besides money laundering, he was

involved in a drug-related offence and this could affect his future.

"This led to the victim revealing his account details," he said.

Supt Mohd Wazir said the money was transferred to a woman's account instead of Bank Negara.

He said the victim finally lodged a police report after sensing something amiss.

The Macau Scam often starts with

a phone call from someone pretending to be an officer from a bank or government agency.

The scammer will then claim the victim owes money, has an unpaid fine or is involved in undesirable activity, often with a short window of less than an hour to settle the payment or face "dire consequences".

The victims will then be asked to pay to get them off the hook.