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KUCHING: Three individuals managed to avoid from being duped by the Macau scammers who pretended to be police personnel demanding them to pay for their outstanding credit card bills and a traffic summons.

Sarawak Commercial Crime Investigations Department (CCID) head Supt Mustafa Kamal Gani Abdullah said two of the individuals are from Miri, a 32-year-old tuition teacher and a 65-year-old housewife.

“For the first case, the suspect received a call from a bogus police personnel who asked for a RM3,000 payment as a guarantee for his outstanding credit card bill of RM30,000,” said Mustafa.

The tuition teacher who was not amused by the call quickly hung up the phone and later lodged a police report as a precaution.

In the second case involving the housewife, she first started receiving a call from the scammers on Oct 31 who claimed that she have an outstanding summons in Johor Bahru.

Her son who later called up the Johor Bahru police for verifications found out that the caller who identified himself as “corporal Wong Lai Soon” does not exist.

Upon advice from the Johor Bahru police, the housewife lodged a police report of the incident on the same day.

For the third case, Mustafa said scammers tried to cheat a 39-year-old company manager in Sibu after claiming that he had an outstanding credit card bill of RM28,795.75 on Oct 31.

The man was later told to be present at the Melaka court which he strongly denied as he is never a client of the bank which issued him the credit card.

The man later hung up the phone and lodged a report on the same day of the incident.