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Clerk loses RM16,000 in Macau scam

KUANTAN: A bogus police officer, who identified himself as “Wong”, is back in action. His latest victim is a 58-year-old clerk who fell for the Macau scam.

This came barely a week after an individual personating as “Tuan Wong” cheated a 32-year-old plumber out of RM30,000. The victim was tricked into believing that he had outstanding credit card payments and was involved in drug activities.

In the latest incident, the victim, a female clerk from Temerloh, received a phone call on Aug

29 from an individual claiming to be a representative from Telekom Malaysia. She was informed that checks revealed that she had three phone numbers linked to fraud activities.

The call was connected to a police officer, who identified himself as “Sergeant Wong” from the Penang police headquarters, and instructed her to transfer her savings for verification.

Pahang Commercial Crime Investigation Department chief Superintendent Mohd Wazir Mohd Yusof said the suspect claimed

that the procedure was to allow police investigations if she was keeping money belonging to others.

“The suspect gave his victim two account numbers, and the following day, the victim made two transactions amounting RM10,000 and RM6,000 from her account to the account numbers.

“The suspect told the victim to remain patient while the police conducted investigations and that her cash will be returned in a week.

“The victim waited for a week

and when the suspect did not contact her, she lodged a police report yesterday (Wednesday).”

Wazir said the victim was duped as the suspect spoke convincingly to trick her into believing that her bank account had been used for illegal activities. The victim, in fear, followed Wong’s orders.

The case is being investigated under Section 420 of the Penal Code for cheating, which provides for a maximum jail term of 10 years and whipping, and a fine if convicted.



Superintendent Mohd Wazir Mohd Yusof