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KEPALA BATAS: A retired teacher lost RM72,500 to the Macau Scam syndicate after she was told that she was involved in drug-related and money laundering activities.

Seberang Perai Utara district police chief Asst Comm Noorzainy Mohd Noor said the woman, in her 60s, had received a telephone call from a “bank” telling her that she had outstanding payments.

“After the woman denied having outstanding payments for a personal loan, the call was connected to a man who claimed to be a police officer in Negri Sembilan to enable her to lodge a police report about the payments,” he said yesterday.

ACP Noorzainy said the suspect then told the woman that a check of her identity card found that she was involved in drugs and money-laundering cases.

The man then told the victim to transfer all the money from her bank account into another account, which he said belonged to a court official, for investigations to be carried out and the money would be returned to her afterwards.

ACP Noorzainy said over the next two days, the frightened pensioner transferred all her money amounting to RM72,500 in stages to several accounts given by the syndicate.

The victim only realised she had been cheated when she failed to contact the man and then related the events to her daughter.

“They then lodged a police report,” ACP Noorzainy said, adding that the case was being investigated. — Bernama