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KEPALA BATAS: Three individuals lost RM46,530 in total to a phone scam syndicate over the weekend.

In the first incident, a tourist agent in his 50s lost RM21,000 to a scammer impersonating as a Bank Negara officer.

He got a call from a man who said he had an outstanding amount on his credit card.

The call was then transferred to the "Bank Negara officer", who told the victim that he was involved in a cheating case.

North Seberang Prai OCPD Asst Comm Noorzainy Mohd Noor said the victim was asked to transfer his money to another bank account for "investigation purposes".

In the second case, a clerk was cheated of RM20,230 over a non-existent loan scheme

advertised online.

The victim, in her 30s, called the number and asked to secure a RM40,000 loan after talking to the "agent" over the phone.

The "agent" said the application was approved, but the victim needed to make several payments to clear off "existing issues" with the Credit Tip-Off Service.

In the third case, a saleswoman lost RM5,300 to a "police officer".

"Besides being told she had an outstanding payment on her credit card, she was also informed that she could be a suspect in drug and money laundering cases.

"The victim transferred RM5,300 to a bank account provided by the caller," ACP Noorzainy said.