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KUANTAN: Despite the apparent red flags, a 28-year-old housewife still found herself conned out of RM12,709.33 in a Macau scam call.

The incident, which occurred on Oct 5 at 12.57pm in Raub, saw several suspects impersonating a court officer and policemen to dupe the victim out of her savings.

Pahang Commercial Crime Investigation Department chief Superintendent Mohd Wazir Mohd Yusof said the first indicator that it was a scam was the phone number used to call the victim. The number was +9907225, which was an international phone number.

He said the caller introduced herself as Alice Wee and claimed that she was working at the Johor High Court. She told the victim that she had outstanding tax payments amounting to RM18,336.15.

Wazir said the suspect informed the victim that she needed to pay the amount by 2.30pm. When the victim denied that she had any outstanding tax, the call was transferred to another person claiming to be Sergeant Mohamad of the Johor Baru police headquarters.

Wazir said the victim was informed that someone had abused her personal data and asked her to hand over details of two of her bank accounts, including her username and password for online banking.

The victim complied.

Wazir said the suspect was phishing the victim and when she denied owing any taxes, the suspect used the "bad cop, good cop" method.

The call was passed to another suspect who tried to "help" her out of the mess.

"The 'sergeant' also said Bank Negara Malaysia wanted to check her accounts for wrongdoings and asked the victim to give the TAC numbers that were sent to her phone. At 2.22pm, the victim gave him the two TAC numbers she received. The suspect then ended the call."

At 3.30pm, he said, the victim went to the two banks to check her accounts and Wazir said she discovered that RM4,141.21 and RM8,568.12 had been transferred to an unknown account.

"She felt that she had been scammed and rushed to the police station to lodge a report."



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