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GEORGE TOWN: A "Macau Scam" syndicate has claimed another victim in Balik Pulau, near here, when a 58-year-old female factory worker lost RM110,000 after she was convinced that she needed to transfer money to protect her personal data.

The victim received a call on Monday from an unidentified caller, claiming he was from Bank Negara.

The caller said that her personal data stored online had been compromised as it was used to run up a credit card charge of RM7,000.

To protect her savings, the caller urged the victim to transfer money from her bank accounts to a fresh account they would create for her.

The victim was instructed to

transfer money to the account that was created to prevent any party from withdrawing her money since they had access to her personal data.

She transferred RM50,000 from her savings account to the new account number, provided by the caller. The victim then went to another bank, where she withdrew RM60,000 and transferred it to the same account.

Later, realising something was amiss, she lodged a police report on Monday. Southwest district police head Supt V. Anbalagan, who confirmed the case, urged the public to be wary of such calls involving the transferring of money.

"Usually, money transfer is best done over the counter at financial institutions or at secured e-banking portals."