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JOHOR BARU: A 64-year-old retired teacher lost nearly RM460,000 to a scammer after believing that his MyKad had been misused for money laundering.

Johor Commercial Crimes Investigation Department deputy chief Supt Amran Md Jusin said the retiree received a phone call from someone claiming to be a Pos Laju representative on Aug 1, telling him that there was a package with his identification card in it.

“The caller told the victim that he was under suspicion for money laundering and was told to transfer money into several bank accounts to ‘help’ the investigation.

“The victim believed the tale and made a total of 20 transactions amounting to RM459,041.90 into separate bank accounts as instructed by the caller,” he said yesterday.

“The retiree used up his pension funds, joint savings and also sold his wife’s jewellery to pay the scammer.”

The case is being investigated under Section 420 of the Penal Code for cheating, which carries a maximum jail term of 10 years, caning and fine, upon conviction.

Supt Amran said if members of the public received such calls, they should inform the police or visit <https://ccid.rmp.gov.my/semakmule> to check whether the bank account involved was linked to cheating cases.