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'ACP DATUK WAZIR'

WOMAN LOSES RM81,000 TO SCAMMERS

Macau scam syndicate uses Pahang CCID chief's name to dupe victim into providing banking details

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EVEN Pahang Commercial Crime Investigation Department chief Superintendent Mohd Wazir Mohd Yusof's identity was not spared by Macau Scam syndicate members to deceive victims.

In the latest incident on Sunday, a 35-year-old Education Department staff lost RM81,133 after she was coaxed to provide her banking details after being assured by a bogus policeman that she would be spared from any punishment by Wazir.

The incident unfolded when the victim received a phone call from a female caller from the "Inland Revenue Board (LHDN)" claiming the victim had arrears of

RM38,600 from a marketing and supply company registered under her name.

As she denied her involvement in the company, the call was transferred to the LHDN headquarters in Cyberjaya before it was later connected to one "Inspector Azman" attached to the Pahang police headquarters.

Wazir said assuming she was dealing with a genuine police officer, the victim began to panic when Azman asked her to provide all the required details to lodge a police report.

"The caller informed that checks on the victim's MyKad revealed that she was involved in money laundering activities amounting some RM228,000, which was kept in a bank account registered under her name.

"The suspect then assured the victim that the case could be settled by saying he would appeal to one 'ACP Datuk Wazir' on her behalf. However, the victim had to cooperate by providing her bank account details," he said.

Wazir said the victim, who appeared a little relieved with the assurance, provided four different bank account details to the suspect.



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"Later, the same night, the victim installed the Whoscall application to check the identity of incoming calls and was shocked upon realising the number belonged to scammers. She tried to access her online banking accounts but failed.

"The victim realised that she had received several text messages informing that cash had been transferred from her

bank account into unknown accounts," he said, adding the victim lodged a police report on Tuesday.

He said scam syndicates usually resort to several tactics to convince their victims to provide banking details and in this case, even his name was mentioned under the pretext of helping to solve the victim's problem.