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## **Trader loses RM139,500 to Macau scam crew**

**KUANTAN:** A trader lodged a police report claiming that he was cheated of RM139,500 in a Macau scam last month.

Pahang Commercial Crime Investigation Department chief Supt Mohd Wazir Mohd Yusof said the 50-year-old man received a phone call on Sept 25 from a woman who claimed she was from the Melaka Inland Revenue Board.

"The woman told the trader that his company had tax arrears and when he denied the claims, she passed the call to a man, who was said to be a police officer at the Melaka Police Contingent Headquarters," he said in a statement yesterday.

Supt Mohd Wazir said the man informed the trader that his company was being investigated for a criminal case and he was to submit his personal and banking information for money laundering investigation purposes.

He said the trader was instructed to transfer his money to a temporary account until the investigation was completed, to which the man complied through 11 online transactions from Sept 27 until Monday.

The trader became suspicious when the 'police officer' was reluctant to say when the money would be returned. Instead, he kept insisting on more money to be deposited.

He lodged a police report in Raub and the case is being investigated under Section 420 of the Penal Code.

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