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TEACHER LOSES RM113,000 TO SCAM

Macau Scam syndicate accused victim of money laundering

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A TEACHER, 51, lost RM113,000 after she was tricked into thinking that she was involved in money laundering.

The suspects called the victim

and accused her of money laundering involving RM1.5 million. They told her to pay a deposit so that no action would be taken against her.

The teacher received a call from a "police officer" and "bank officer" on Feb 28, said Pahang Commercial Criminal Investigation Department chief, Superin-

tendent Mohd Wazir Mohd Yusof.

The bank officer informed the victim that she had an outstanding loan payment, before forwarding the call to a police officer, who identified himself as "Sergeant Wong".

"He informed her that she was involved in a RM1.5 million illicit fund, before passing the call to 'Inspector Narita' who promised to resolve her problem.

"The victim applied for a RM80,000 bank loan to pay the

deposit as directed by the suspects," he said.

Wazir said on March 6, "Inspector Narita" informed the victim that her Tabung Haji and Bank Rakyat accounts would be frozen by Bank Negara Malaysia.

"The victim was directed to go to the bank and change her registered telephone number to a phone number given by the suspect.

"The victim obeyed the instructions from 'Inspector Narita' as she was worried that action

would be taken against her."

He added that the victim was advised by "Inspector Narita" not to perform any financial transactions for seven days, pending investigations into her case.

On Friday, the victim became suspicious and called her friend, an assistant manager in the bank, who revealed that RM113,000 was transferred to another account.

The victim lodged a report at the Kuantan District Police Station on Saturday. The case is being investigated for cheating.