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KUANTAN: A female teacher lost her life savings of RM90,810 overnight after falling victim to a Macau Scam syndicate member 'Inspector Narita' who claimed she was involved in money laundering activities, on March 22.

Pahang Commercial Criminal Investigation Department chief Supt Mohd Wazir Mohd Yusof said earlier a woman who claimed she was from a bank called the 44-year-old victim to inform that she had personal loan arrears of RM50,000.

"The victim denied the allegation but was connected to a suspect named Inspector Narita who said she had been involved in money laundering activities.

"The suspect then asked for the details of the victim's account including the pin number and card number to verify the account and demanded RM196,000 for bail purposes," he said in a statement here on Tuesday.

He added the victim only realised that she lost RM90,810 from her account last Sunday and lodged a police report Monday at the Kuantan district police headquarters (IPD).

In a separate case, a 17-year-old student lost RM2,000 after purchasing a non-existent iPhone X smartphone through an advertising website on Friday.

Mohd Wazir said the victim contacted the number on the website and agreed to buy the item by depositing RM2,000 into the suspect's account on Saturday.

"After failing to receive the mobile phone, he lodged a report at the Kuantan IPD yesterday," he said, adding that to date the victim has yet to hear any news on the phone.

Both cases are being investigated under Section 420 of the Penal Code which carries a maximum jail term of 10 years and whipping if convicted. —Bernama