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**BEAUFORT:** A doctor here lost RM47,000 when the 27-year-old was duped into believing she was dealing with authorities.

“Last Saturday she received a phone call from a man impersonating a Malaysian Anti-Corruption Commission (MACC) officer who transferred the call to another person claiming to be from Bukit Aman,” said district police chief DSP Azmir Razak.

The elaborate ruse, dubbed the Macau Scam, had her connected to a “Sergeant Fady Abdullah” telling her they had arrest and asset seizure warrants.

“The scammers coerced her into transferring RM4,000 to an account under the name of Tay Guan, claiming that a high ranking police officer can help solve the issue without further complications.

“She completed seven transactions at the Maybank branch here to a CIMB Bank account belonging to a suspect named Effendy, totalling RM43,000,” Azmir said in a statement, saying the victim sensed she was being scammed only after losing so much money.

Police are currently working with counterparts in investigating the identities and whereabouts of the three names involved. The case is being investigated under Section 420 of the Penal Code.

Azmir advised the public to seek consultation at any of the department offices regarding cases like these, saying that government enforcers would not approach individuals with private phone calls. *—By Jonathan Nicholas*