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Lecturer loses RM132,000 to Macau scam

KUANTAN: A female lecturer lost RM132,000 in one day after she was cheated by scammers who told her that she was involved in drug-related activities.

According to Pahang Commercial Crimes Investigation Department head Supt Mohd Wazir Mohd Yusof, the 60-year-old victim said she transferred the money to four different accounts on Wednesday after she was told to do so by an "Inspector".

He added that a "female officer from the Melaka Magistrate's Court" informed her that she had outstanding credit card payments.

Although she denied the allegations, the victim was told to speak to a male suspect who introduced himself as "Inspector Mohd Yusuf".

"The caller said the victim was involved in drug-related activities and money laundering and she had to transfer money in order for checks to be carried out," he told reporters here yesterday.

Supt Mohd Wazir said after the victim followed instructions and she could no longer contact the "police officer", she realised she had been duped.

In a separate case, a trader lost RM31,090 after she tried to borrow from a "company" which advertised loans on social media to people who have been blacklisted.

The 34-year-old victim wanted to borrow RM100,000 and "was asked to pay processing fees, the cost of opening a new account, stamp cancellation and various other purposes before she could get the loan.

"The victim carried out money transfers five times into three accounts provided by the suspect, but did not get the loan she was promised," said Supt Mohd Wazir. — Bernama