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**KUCHING:** A general worker lost RM6,000 after scammers fooled him into believing that he was involved in drug trafficking and money laundering.

The incident – the latest in a string of Macau scam cases in the state – happened on Nov 22 when the 27-year-old victim received a call from

a woman who claimed to be a police officer from Melaka, said Sarawak Commercial Crime Investigation Department chief Supt Mustafa Kama Gani Abdullah.

“The victim was told he was being investigated for drug trafficking and money laundering involving a sum of RM2.3 million.

“He was told that failure to cooperate with police within a timeframe of two hours would result in an arrest warrant being issued against him; his bank accounts being frozen for two-and-a-half years; and he would be remanded for a period of 45 days,” he said in a statement yesterday.

He said the victim was instructed to transfer a sum of RM10,000 as “bail” to avoid being remanded, and did so in two transactions into an account provided by the caller.

The victim only realised later that he had been cheated and proceeded to lodge a report, said Mustafa Kamal.