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KUANTAN: A housewife, 24, was duped into paying RM5,000 to a scam syndicate member to free her husband, who was arrested by police on June 26 for illegally hiring foreign workers.

She received a phone call on July 2 from someone who claimed to be a police officer, asking her to pay the amount to secure her husband's release.

State Commercial Criminal Investigation Department chief Superintendent Mohd Wazir Mohd Yusof said the woman from Bentong assumed that it was a genuine call and transferred the cash.

"When her husband did not return home, the woman contacted the investigating officer, but was informed the police had never asked for cash. She realised she



*Superintendent Mohd Wazir
Mohd Yusof*

has been duped." He said the woman lodged a report.

In a separate incident, a retired accountant, 74, was left RM10,000 poorer after he was conned by Macau Scam syndicate members into believing that he was involved in money laundering.

Wazir said the victim received a phone call on June 30 from a woman who claimed to be a policewoman. He was told that his MyKad had been used to open a bank account for money laundering.

The suspect claimed that the victim's bank account had been frozen and an arrest warrant had been issued, before another man, who identified himself as Inspector Yong, told him to deposit RM10,000 to solve the case.

"The victim transferred the money, only to learn he had been cheated when the suspect harassed him for more money."