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**KUCHING:** Macau Scam is back again and this time a senior citizen from Limbang and a 42-year-old from Sri Aman, both women, were the target.

Sarawak Commercial Crime Investigation Department (CCID) head, Superintendent Maria Rasid, said the first case involved the senior citizen and pensioner from Limbang who was contacted by a suspect who posed as a Telekom Malaysia officer in March this year.

"The suspect claimed that the line which was registered under the victim's name would be terminated because of 'suspicious involvement in online gambling', and the phone call was later connected to another suspect who introduced himself as 'Sergeant Zulkifli Etot' based in Kuantan, Pahang. Then, the suspect claimed that the victim had received fund amounting to RM200,000 through a bank account for the illegal activity.

"The victim was later connected to the third suspect who introduced herself as 'Siti Nur Milah' who said that she would appoint AMLA (Anti-Money Laundering Agency) to investigate the fund that the victim purportedly received.

"Following that, the victim was asked to transfer all of her monies to some accounts provided 'to help the police conduct investigations into the funds,'" said Maria in a statement yesterday.

She added the victim had



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transferred about RM516,000 in 20 transactions to 12 unidentified individual accounts between April 15 and May 22 this year.

The victim, she said, only realised that she had been cheated after 'Sergeant Zulkifli Etot' did not contact her to notify the status of her account as promised to her.

The other scam case befell a 42-year-old government servant from Engkilili town in Sri Aman, who on June 20 received a phone call from a man who introduced himself as 'Encik Ibrahim' from the Inland Revenue Board in Cyberjaya claiming that the victim had unsettled income tax registered under a company which was under the victim's name.

"The telephone call was then connected to a man who introduced himself as 'Sergeant Shahrizal' from the Crime Investigation Division, IPK Kuantan'. However, the victim denied the charges, after which the telephone call was connected to another person known as 'Inspector Daniel', purportedly

from Bukit Aman.

'Inspector Daniel' claimed that the victim was involved with another suspect who had been arrested for drug abuse and money laundering. 'Inspector Daniel' also claimed that the victim was also suspected of selling ATM cards and had been receiving RM228,000 in commissions from the so-called suspect who had been arrested.

"The telephone call was later connected to another man, a 'Bank Negara Malaysia AMLA officer' who asked the victim to transfer her monies from her account to another account given to her for investigation purpose and to clear her name," she said.

According to Maria, the total amount of monies transferred by the victim to an 'unknown account' was about RM6,600.

"The victim only realised that she had been scammed after she had transferred the sum, after which she lodged a police report," she said.

Meanwhile, Maria said of late cases of fraudulent phone calls or Macau Scam have become active again and cases are reported almost daily in Sarawak.

She said, for the period from Jan 1 to June 21 this year, a total of 136 Macau Scam cases were reported throughout Sarawak with losses of more than RM5.5 million, while for the same period in 2019, a total of 56 cases were reported involving losses of more than RM3.9 million.

On arrest cases of Macau Scam, 79 people have been arrested by the CCID from Jan 1 until June 21 this year, compared to 18 arrests during the same period in 2019.

"The main cause of the victims being easily swayed by the Macau Scam is panic, worry and fear, and trusting someone without checking the facts," she said.

She advised the public to be always on the alert and not be fooled by the deception or trick of certain parties impersonating police officers and personnel of other government departments, agencies or banks.

"People are reminded not to panic and not to trust calls from strangers. People do not need to be afraid of being attacked or intimidated by the caller. Go to the nearest police station for advice, contact the relevant agencies to review the claims," she said.

She advised those who have any concerns to contact the CCID via WhatsApp or SMS to the Infoline at 013-211 1222, or visit the official portal of the Royal Malaysian Police [rmp.gov.my](http://rmp.gov.my) or [ccid.rmp.gov.my](http://ccid.rmp.gov.my), and Facebook <http://ccid.rmp.gov.my/semakmule/#> for up-to-date information and advice on financial fraud.

In addition, the public may also contact Bank Negara Malaysia by calling 1-300-88-5465 (LINK); 082-224200 (BNM Kuching); or email: [bnmtelelink@bnm.gov.my](mailto:bnmtelelink@bnm.gov.my).