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KEPALA BATAS: A 72-year-old woman lost RM90,000 to a Macau scam here recently.

The victim received a call on Wednesday from a man claiming to be a police sergeant from the Seremban police headquarters in Negri Sembilan.

The bogus policeman claimed that she was involved in money-laundering.

Out of fear, despite knowing she did not do it, the woman followed the man's instructions and gave him her debit card details.

Seberang Prai Utara district police chief Assistant Commissioner Noorzainy Mohd Noor said, the victim, who suspected nothing amiss, also provided the suspect the TAC number she received on her mobile phone.

"She gave the TAC number a total of five times to the suspect, which saw RM90,000 from her accounts wiped out.

"She realised that she had been cheated when she checked her bank balance," he said, adding that the victim lodged a report.

In another incident, a clerk in her 40s lost RM5,492 after she was cheated by a non-existent loan syndicate through Facebook recently.

She had wanted to apply for a

RM30,000 loan but was asked to make payment as part of the "processing fee".

Noorzainy said the victim, from Butterworth, had received a WhatsApp message after stating her interest in obtaining the loan by leaving her telephone number in the loan advertisement column.

"She then received a WhatsApp message, supposedly from a bank employee, offering the personal loan.

"She subsequently agreed to take up the loan and was instructed to make several payments, including an 'insurance fee' to 'process' the loan application.

"She was then told that the loan had been approved and was asked to transfer RM5,492 into three bank accounts provided. Later, the suspect demanded for more money," he said.

Feeling uneasy, the woman asked for her money back after checking with the "bank".

He said an investigation was underway to get more information on the three bank accounts provided.

He said both cases were being investigated under Section 420 of the Penal Code for cheating.