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MELAKA: A housewife lost RM2.08 million after being cheated by a Macau scam syndicate member posing as a police officer. The scam unfolded when the officer claimed that she was involved in drug dealing and money laundering. Melaka Commercial Criminal Investigation Department chief Superintendent E. Sundra Rajan said the woman, 49, was called by someone claiming to be from the Pahang contingent police headquarters on Jan 10. "Using WhatsApp, the suspect showed the victim an arrest warrant and a letter to freeze her assets before instructing her to divulge her bank account details for investigation purposes. The victim also provided the six-digit one-time password (OTP) to the suspect. She later became suspicious and contacted the bank." Sundra said the bank informed her that 164 online transfers worth RM2.08 million had been carried out from her account through DuitNow to 16 different bank accounts.