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**PETALING JAYA:** Using a ruse that her credit card was fraudulently used to purchase cryptocurrency, phone scammers fleeced a 60-year-old woman of more than RM1.3 million last month.

Petalang Jaya police chief ACP Mohamad Fakhruddin Abdul Hamid said yesterday the victim, who is a retiree, lodged a police report last

week claiming that she received a call in the afternoon of April 1 from a person claiming to be a bank staff.

The caller told the victim there was a credit card registered under her name, which was used to purchase cryptocurrency.

Mohamad Fakhruddin said the caller “transferred” the call purportedly to Bank Negara Malaysia and was coaxed into revealing her personal and banking particulars for a “police report to be lodged”

“The following morning, the woman received a copy of a police report on her cellphone, and a phone call followed.”

Mohamad Fakhruddin said the caller, claiming to be the police, sought her bank account details again to “halt any further misuse of her accounts”.

The woman received several transaction authorisation code numbers soon after and shared them with the caller.

Mohamad Fakhruddin said on May 10, the woman decided to check on the matter with Bank Negara Malaysia and was told that she was a victim of a scam syndicate.

He said the victim had disclosed details of her seven bank accounts to the scammers before more than RM1.3 million of her savings were siphoned.

Mohamad Fakhruddin urged the public to be wary of phone scammers.