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PORT DICKSON: A 31-year-old nurse is yet another in the list of those scammed by individuals impersonating Inland Revenue Board (LHDN) officers. She lost RM94,000.

District police chief Supt Aidi Sham Mohamed said the nurse received a call from a man claiming that she had arrears with the tax body.

"The man told her that she had a company registered under her name that had tax arrears amounting to RM38,600.90.

"The nurse denied it and the call was apparently transferred to the Kuantan police contingent to enable her to file a report online," he said yesterday.

Supt Aidi Sham said the nurse then spoke to an individual who claimed to be an Assistant Commissioner of Police who told her to download a MyBNM application on her mobile phone in which she was asked to fill in her personal details, including her identity card number.

The nurse was told this was nec-

essary to ensure her bank savings were secure and that her so-called tax arrears were not deducted from her savings.

"However, when she checked with her bank later, she found that her savings in one of her accounts totalling RM94,000 had been transferred to several other accounts.

"She then realised that she had been cheated and lodged a report on June 5," he said, adding that the case was being investigated under Section 420 of the Penal Code for cheating.

Supt Aidi Sham advised the public not to reveal their banking details to strangers to prevent them from being scammed.

On Monday, LHDN warned the public against Macau scam syndicates posing as tax officers, as there have been 556 cases recorded so far this year.

Based on information from the Federal Commercial Crime Investigation Department, Macau scam cases involving scammers who posed as LHDN officers have resulted in RM15.26mil in losses from Jan 1 and May 27 this year.