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A 19-year-old student was devastated after losing almost RM37,000 in a Macau scam.

Jay Ng, from Bercham, Ipoh, said the money that he inherited from his late mother was meant for him to further his studies.

“At least RM20,000 was for education-related expenses.

“The money was from my late mother’s Employees Provident Fund savings.

“She was a chicken seller and my father used to help her,” he said in a virtual press conference held by Perak MCA public service and complaints bureau chief Low Guo Nan.

Ng said he received a phone call on Aug 13 purportedly from Telekom Malaysia informing him

that his mobile number was being used in an illegal gambling activity in Seremban, Negri Sembilan.

“I was told to lodge a report with the Seremban police and was given a number of the district police station,” he said, adding that he believed it to be true when he verified the number on the Internet.

Ng said the person who answered the phone told him to bank in some money to an account to clear his name.

He first transferred RM20,000 to an account purportedly belonging to someone named Nasrullah.

“I was then told to transfer RM11,800, but to another account belonging to someone else. Later, I was told to make another transfer of RM5,000,” he said.

After he was asked for more money when he had almost emp-

ty tied his bank account and it was suggested that he borrow from friends and relatives, Ng confided in his father.

“My father told me to stop immediately as he believed I had been scammed.

“I was aware of scam cases but did not think that they would use a police station’s number,” said Ng.

Low said people should be more vigilant and not fall for callers claiming to be the authorities.

“Never panic. And go to the nearest police station to verify the matter.

“People should never reveal their bank account and online banking details to strangers,” he said.

Low said he had checked the accounts used by the scammer via the police’s commercial crime

investigation department portal called Semak Mule (<https://semak-mule.rmp.gov.my/>).

He found that both accounts were listed there and reports had been made against them.

“I hope the relevant authorities will work together to fight against these crimes that are getting rampant,” he said.

He added that the police had informed

him that the case was being investigated under Section 402 of the Penal Code.

Low showing a screenshot of the google search by Ng.

