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## **Pensioner loses over RM400,000 to Macau scam**

**KOTA BARU:** A government pensioner, in her 60s was cheated out of RM418,000 by three men believed to be part of a Macau Scam syndicate recently. Kelantan police chief Datuk Shafien Mamat said the woman received a phone call in July from a man who claimed to be from an insurance company. "She was at her home in Bachok when she received the call. The man told her that her RM48,000 insurance claims had been paid to the victim's bank account. When the victim denied that she had made such claims, the call was transferred to another man who claimed to be a policeman. He asked the victim to provide her bank account details." Shafien said a "senior police officer", who introduced himself as "Tuan Chong", told the woman that she was involved in money laundering worth RM2.18 million. "Out of fear of being arrested, the victim followed the instructions of the officer, including transferring all her money into a bank account which she opened in Kota Baru. When the woman checked her bank account on Monday, she realised that all her money totalling RM418,000 had been transferred to an unknown account."