

# Another person falls victim to fake cop call

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**IPOH:** A project manager in Taiping lost about RM382,000 after falling victim to a scam.

The 57-year-old victim nearly lost another RM100,000 to the scam syndicate as she was about to transfer the money to two different bank accounts when she spotted some irregular transactions.

Perak police chief Comm Datuk Seri Mohd Yusri Hassan Basri said the woman only realised she had been scammed after finding out about 18 transactions that were made from her bank account to 11 other different accounts recently.

She lodged a police report on Sunday.

"The transactions were made without her knowledge, as it (her account) was under the control of the syndicate.

"The transactions, totalling RM381,950, were made between

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Aug 18 and Sept 6," he said in a statement.

Comm Mohd Yusri said the victim had given her personal and banking details, including passwords and PIN, to the scammers, who had claimed to be the police, in a phone call on Aug 18.

"She did so out of fear and panic, having been accused of being involved in the sales of private bank accounts.

"She had earlier received a call from an individual, who claimed

to be from a shipping company based in Alor Setar, Kedah, and who introduced himself as 'Harban Singh'.

"He said she had a parcel that contained 100 pieces of counterfeit notes, credit cards, MyKad and automated teller machine cards, from an unknown sender based in Kuching, Sarawak.

"The call was then transferred to four other 'police officers', including one who claimed to be a Datuk," said Comm Mohd Yusri.

"The victim was instructed to give her personal and banking details to them for investigation purposes.

"She also gave copies of her salary slips, income tax statements, car loan, picture of her car, land grant, picture of her house and photographs of her jewellery, to the scammers," he added.

Comm Mohd Yusri reminded the people not to panic if they receive such calls from unknown people claiming to be from enforcement or other agencies.

"Enforcement agencies will not connect phone calls to other agencies. Government matters will not be conducted over the phone," he said, adding that the police will not call up people and threaten to arrest them.

"Never ever transfer money to bank accounts of unknown individuals or divulge personal details to them," he said.

"Do not ever download any apps or click on links from suspicious or unknown sources."