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KEPALA BATAS: A civil servant was cheated of RM677,565 by a syndicate which claimed that he was involved in criminal activities such as money laundering and drugs here recently.

Seberang Perai Utara (SPU) district police chief ACP Mohd Asri Shafie said the victim, in his 40s, lodged a police report Tuesday.

"According to the man, he was initially contacted by an individual claiming to be from Pos Laju who said there was a registered parcel addressed to the victim and that it contained prohibited items, namely five bank cards from various banks.

"The victim denied the matter before the

individual claimed to have connected the phone call to a so-called police officer at the Perak contingent police," Mohd Asri said in a statement Thursday.

He said the individual posing as a police officer told the victim that he was involved in a drug and money laundering case.

Mohd Asri said the suspect asked the victim to provide his banking details and to transfer money out of his accounts to avoid being arrested for his involvement in criminal activities.

He said from June 7 to July 4, the victim transferred a total of RM677,565 to six accounts provided to him by the syndicate. - Bernama