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KUANTAN: A clerk suffered a loss of RM126,500 after being duped by an online fraud syndicate posing as insurance officer, police and public prosecutor, in November last year.

Acting Kuantan district police chief Supt Mohd Adli Mat Daud said the 56-year-old man received a phone call from an individual claiming to be an insurance company representative, stating that there was a fake insurance

claim using the victim's name.

"The call was then connected to another individual posing as a police officer and public prosecutor, who informed the victim that he needed to make a bail payment of RM68,000 to resolve the case," he said in a statement yesterday.

He said the panicked victim then made three separate transactions into three different

bank accounts using a cash deposit machine (CDM), involving a total loss of RM126,500.

"The victim only realised he had been scammed after failing to contact the relevant party again, so he lodged a police report at 12.15 pm today. The money used was from the victim's own personal savings," he said.

In this regard, he advised the public not to panic if they received

calls from unknown individuals and were encouraged to contact the National Scam Response Centre (NSRC) at 99, should they become a victim of a scam.

Meanwhile, Mohd Adli said his party had also introduced a digital platform based on artificial intelligence (AI) GPT SEDARScam to assist in the early prevention of crime in the community.

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