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## Court fined man RM15,000 for being an account mule

**SRI AMAN:** A 22-year-old man was fined RM15,000 in default 12 months' imprisonment by the Magistrates' Court here yesterday after admitting to acting as a mule account holder for an online scam syndicate impersonating police officers.

Alistair Nigel, from Stampin, Kuching, pleaded guilty to a charge read before Magistrate Intan Nurul Farena Zainal Abidin. He was charged under Section 424C of the Penal Code for indirectly facilitating a transaction involving more than RM8,000 deposited into a bank account registered under his name.

According to the charge, the accused received the transaction from a 54-year-old male victim at a bank here at about 6.53 pm on Jan 13.

The offence carries a penalty of imprisonment of not less than three years and up to 10 years, or a fine ranging from RM10,000 to RM150,000, or both.

Based on the facts of the case, the complainant, a teacher, received a phone call at about 11 am on Jan 11 while at a bank ATM from an individual claiming to represent the Touch 'n Go (TnG) application.

The caller informed him that someone had attempted to transfer RM13,700 into his account, which the complainant denied

authorising and was instructed to lodge a "denial report" with the police stating that he had no knowledge of the transaction.

Later that day, the complainant received another call from a woman identifying herself as Inspector Hajar, who claimed to be a police officer from Penang. She allegedly connected the complainant to another individual identified as Datuk Salawati.

During the conversation, the complainant was told that he needed to cooperate to "clear his name" and was asked about the source of his finances. He was also requested to provide the ATM PIN numbers for his CIMB Bank and Bank Rakyat cards. On the same day, another individual claiming to be ACP Ruslan from the Anti-Money Laundering Act unit contacted the complainant and instructed him to hand over his debit card to a third party without informing anyone, citing the Official Secrets Act.

The complainant went to a parking area at 6.30pm and handed his ATM card to an unidentified man wearing a face mask, allegedly to assist in verifying that his bank account. The victim only realised he had been scammed on Jan 19 after discovering a total RM117,000 had been withdrawn from his bank account without his knowledge.