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## PHONE SCAM

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Johor top cop says police will never ask people to transfer money to bank account for probes

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**A** COMPANY director lost more than RM1 million after being duped by a man claiming to be "Inspector Harun" in a phone scam last month.

The 37-year-old woman's ordeal began when she received a call at around 3pm on Oct 31 from someone claiming to represent a delivery company.

Johor police chief Datuk M. Kumar said the caller informed the woman that there was a parcel in her name that contained a chequebook and a bank token.

"The woman denied making any such request, and the call was transferred to the police for her to lodge a report to declare that she had not made the request.

The woman claimed she spoke to 'Inspector Harun', who claimed that a credit card under her name had been found and it was allegedly linked to fraud and money laundering.

"The woman was then instructed to transfer all her money into another account, purportedly for Bank Negara's investigation pur-

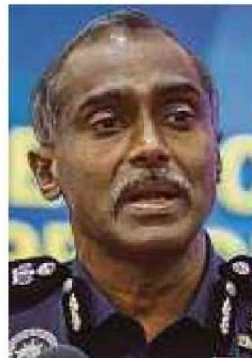
poses," he said.

Fearing legal action, the woman transferred RM1,140,320 to the bank account provided by the man.

"The victim realised she had been scammed when she was asked to transfer more money, despite already transferring a substantial amount. She lodged a report," he said, adding that the report was lodged on Friday.

Kumar urged the public to exercise caution when receiving calls from people claiming to be police officers.

"Please remember that the authorities will never instruct anyone to transfer money into a bank account for investigation purposes," he said.



Datuk M. Kumar